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THE OYSTER BAY BRANCH.

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A Record

OF THE

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EXPLANATORY.

Some twelve years ago, I undertook, as a pastime, to gather such information concerning my family ancestry and connections as an amateur in such work, with but few facts in hand as the basis of inquiry, might conveniently obtain. The facility, however, with which the ancestral line and collateral branches were unfolded by the records examined, led to an extension of the inquiry, and many names and items of interest pertaining to various branches of the Fosdick family were obtained, and grouped and arranged in a general manuscript record of the family at large. Of these names, those contained in the Oyster Bay branch, constitute a little more than one third only. In undertaking now to accede to requests made from time to time to print, it was obvious that to include all the branches would materially increase the time and labor required for the work; and indeed, would be well nigh impracticable on my part, as it would call for an effort toward completeness as to all the branches which would involve extended research and visitation to localities, requiring more time and attention than are compatible with the daily demands of business life. This consideration and the circumstance that the limitation to a single branch would allow of particular reference to some incidents and data, which, while of interest to its members, might not be deemed of sufficient import to be inserted in a general record, induced me to confine the following pages to the branch which was the primary subject of inquiry.

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I selected Oyster Bay as the distinctive term to designate this branch, because that is the place where its founder, Samuel Fosdick 3d, resided during the greater part of his life, and was the birthplace of all his children. In my investigation of this branch its records were found to be scattered and fragmentary, and although, by the aid of its representatives, they have been obtained to the extent indicated by the folfowing record, yet the record is necessarily far from complete, and it is submitted to the representatives of this branch (for whom exclusively it is printed) with the request that they will freely suggest to me such corrections and additions as they shall find it to need.

It is owing to the interest and liberality of Hon. Morris Fosdick, father of the compiler, who bears the expense of passing these pages through the press, that the work is thus put in permanent form for preservation and distribution. L. L. F.

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ABBREVIATIONS.

aet. aged.	**gen. generation.**
b. born.	**gr. grand.**
bap. baptized.	**h. he.**
bur. buried.	**l. living.**
ch., chn., child, children.	**m. married.**
d. died.	**mo. mother.**
dau. daughter.	**rec. records.**
fa. father.	**s. she.**
fam. family.	**w. wife.**

wid, widow.

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THE ORIGIN, EMIGRATION AND SETTLEMENT.

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ORIGIN.

The first known ancestor, bearing the family name, was Stephen Fosdick, who, with his wife and eight children, settled at Charlestown, on Massachusetts Bay, in 1635. Nothing positive is known of them prior to this; no inquiry has been prosecuted abroad to obtain earlier facts; but there is no reason to doubt that they came from England, and all the indications point to a long succession of English ancestors. Savage, in his Genealogical Dictionary (Art. Fosdick) alludes to the English origin[1]; Lower, in his *Patronymica Britannica*, gives the family name (in forms Fosdick, Forsdike) as an English surname[2]; there is a parish of the name (form Fosdyke) in Lincolnshire[3]; and the name of "Johne de Focodic" appears in the list for Lincoln County in the *Hundred Rolls* of Edward I.[4] (A. D. 1273). This theory conforms substantially to the traditions held by some of the American branches of the family.[5] And the fact that the arrival in this country embraced an entire household, and the circumstances of their life after their arrival, tend to show that they had a permanent family establishment at home, and that they were a branch of an old, though perhaps not conspicuous family there.

1. Savages Genealog. Dic., II., 188.
2. Lower's Patronymica Britannica, 119.
3. N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg., XXVIII., 136.
4. Hundred Rolls, I 807, and collate Hubback on Succession 608, and Hume's Hist England, Art. Alfred, A. D., 901.
5. Family Annals.

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Note.—The concurrence of the various family traditions in ascribing the family origin to Great Britain is noteworthy, because of the widely separated localities, and the entirely distinct branches of the family from which they have come. Scotland, Wales and England are all named as the immediate country of its location, but the most direct statements, founded upon the result of some inquiry, point to England. The family name, Fosdyk, is said to be common in Wales, and the Fosdecks in Coblentz, Germany, but a quaint and comparatively clear statement in 1865, comes from Erie Co., N. Y., as follows:

"Tradition says that their ancestors came with William, the Norman, from Normandy, in France, as soldiers in his army nearly 800 years ago, and helped place that Prince upon the British Throne. And still furtber that they were of German descent, but I have not been able to get anything reliable beyond their settlement in this country. The pages of history do not mention them, (I am happy to say) and nothing short of years of labor and great expense can trace the genealogy."

Unfortunately the writer (Morris Fosdick, of Erie Co.) does not state the derivation of the tradition, and his death in 1872, precludes the possibility of learning the facts he may have collected regarding it.

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THE EMIGRATION.

The precise date of the emigration of the family to this country is not known. No record has been found of the port of departure, the vessel in which they came, or the place or date of their arrival. The omission is not material, since, in and just previous to the year of their settlement in Charlestown, the tide of emigration set strongly from England to America, twenty-one ships having arrived in 1634, at Massachusetts Bay, bringing "a great store of passengers and cattle,"[1] and large numbers of lists of the passengers were not preserved, or have not yet been found, and this, even in the cases of some of the most conspicuous and worthy families in the colonies. The sweeping terms employed by Hotten in his reference to these missing lists also show that the omission is not to be taken in disparagement of either the character or position of the families to which it applies. He says, "we learn incidentally that ships left England almost daily for America, but no records of them or of their passengers remain. We know that many ships sailed from Bristol, among others, "The Angel Gabriel" and "The James," conveying the Rev. Richard Mather and the Rev. Daniel Maude, but no records of departures from that port remain. Again, who were the companions, who sailed in 1633, in "The Griffin," with John Haynes and the Rev. Thomas Hooker? Where are the lists of "The Arabella" and other ships in which John Winthrop and the founders of Massachusetts embarked? Who

1. Howland's Annals, N. A., 88; Eidpath's U. S., 189; Bancroft I., 415.

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went out with the Rev. Ezekiel Rogers from Rowley, and with Fenwick and the Rev. Henry Whitfield? These are but a few instances to show how very imperfect are our records of the early settlers."[1]

A sufficient reason for the emigration of the family is readily suggested by any one of the many causes of disquiet and agitation prevalent among the people of Great Britain at the time. From the traits and characteristics exhibited by the family after their arrival. it seems safe to say that they came either for financial betterment or the gratification of religious predilections, or both. The religious disquiet at home, their residence in the vicinity of the place from which the Pilgrims had taken their departure,[2] their consequent interest in the new Pilgrim colony, and the glowing accounts received from it, would all contribute to make them eager to seek it as a haven where undisturbed labor and worship might be enjoyed. For this purpose they would naturally emigrate direct to the shores of Massachusetts Bay. Besides, the youthfulness of some of the children, and the probable incumbrance of some supply of household goods, are additional reasons for supposing that the settlement in Charlestown took place immediately upon their arrival in the country.

1. Hotten's Lists of Emigrants—Introduction.
2. Ridpath's U. S., 89.

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THE SETTLEMENT.

The family, on arriving at Charlestown, consisted of Stephen Fosdick, aged 52; his wife, Sarah, aged 46; and his children: Hannah, aged 20; Thomas, 18; Martha, 17; Samuel, 16; two unknown; John, 9; and Mary, 5. This Stephen Fosdick was the progenitor of almost all of the family name in this country whose ancestry is known. He took steps at once to secure a permanent home. He applied for and was granted admission as an inhabitant, his name appearing in the list of inhabitants for 1635.[1] This was not a mere matter of course, consequent upon his arrival. The local historian tells us that those only were inhabitants "who were admitted such by vote of the town. For many years applicants were severely scrutinized, and not unfrequently refused a residence. 'Not for their poverty' Johnson writes; correctly of this early period, for it will give a vivid idea of its prejudices to say, that the towns then dreaded a Quaker as much, as later, they dreaded a pauper. 'Yet,' continues Johnson, a zealous actor in municipal affairs, 'such as were exorbitant, and of a turbulent spirit, unfit for civil society, they would reject till they come to mend their manners.' Credentials that applicants were church members, or of good moral character were required."[2] "As early as 1634, October 13, it was ordered 'that none be permitted to sit down and dwell in this town without the consent of the town first obtained."[3] As

1. Frothingham's Hist., Charlestown, 84.
2. Ib. 54.
3. Ib. 54.

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he was not admitted to the church until three years afterwards, it follows that his credentials on this occasion must have been to satisfy the town of his good moral character, independently of church membership.

"Each inhabitant, on being admitted, commonly had a grant of a lot of land. This was done at first, in general town meeting; after a few years by the Board of Selectmen, * * * in 1635, Stephen Fosdick had a house plot upon condition to build a good house upon it, and pay goodman Richeson a days work."[1] The record of this grant made in general town meeting, is the earliest record found relating to the family, and is as follows:

Stephen ffosdick

"1635 Vth month, 11th day.
Stephen ffosdick was yielded to have
ye houseplott next Good Convers, his new
house upon condition to build A
good house upon it, and to pay good
Richeson A dales worke."[2]

This houseplot was probably in a prominent part of the settlement, for Converse and Richeson were both members of the Board of Selectmen.[3]

The settlement of the family, thus effected without delay, proved to be permanent. In view of the precautions and restrictions prescribed by the town regulations, the promptness with which it was effected indicates that the family was regarded at once as eligible and of satisfactory antecedents and character.

Charlestown, in January, 1635, numbered 72 inhabitants, most of whom had wives and children.[4] The church had been formed in 1632, from the church in Boston,[5] but there was no school established until 1636.[6] The government and social regulations were Puritan.

1. Frothingham, 56, 57.
2. Charlestown Town Record.
3. Frothingham, 62.
4. Ib. 55. 5. Ib. 69. 6. Ib. 65.

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STEPHEN FOSDICK (PROGENITOR) AND HIS FAMILY.

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STEPHEN FOSDICK (PROGENITOR).

STEPHEN FOSDICK (Progenitor) was born in 1583, probably in Lincoln County, England. He married twice; his first wife (name unknown), about 1610, who was the mother of his first six children, and who died in England; and his second wife, Sarai Wetherell, in 1624[1], who was the mother of his two youngest children, John and Mary. His second wife was a sister of John Wetherell, but her parentage is unknown. She may have been related to William Wetherell, schoolmaster, who came to Charlestown in 1635, from Maidstone, Kent County, England, and who was for several years the grammar master of the public school[2].

He was a carpenter, and doubtless built his house immediately upon receiving the town grant of his house plot, in 1635[3]. He spent the remainder of his life in Charlestown.

While he does not seem to have occupied any prominent position in the colony, the incidents relating to him, which the records furnish, are not devoid of interest, and serve to show that he was a man of intelligence and thrift, and of no little positiveness of character.

He was admitted a member of the Church in Charlestown, in full communion, on the 6th of 2d mo., 1638, and his wife, Sarah, on the 7th of 7th mo., 1638[4].

1. Wyman's Genealogies, etc., 354.
2. Frothingham's Hist., 85.
3. Vide supra p. 20.
4. Church Records—Budington's Hist. 1st Ch. Charlestown, 247.

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Although admitted an inhabitant, owning a house plot, and admitted to the church, he had no voice in colony affairs, or the selection of rulers. He was, as yet, a non-freeman; (the inhabitants being for nearly half a century divided into freemen and non-freemen). To become a freeman, he must, in addition, subscribe the freeman's oath, binding him to maintain the government of the Commonwealth, and must be admitted by order of the General Court. He would then be qualified to vote and be voted for[1]. He was admitted a freeman on September 7, 1638, the record of his admission being as follows:

"Persons made free the 7th day of 7th mo., 1638, * * * Steven Forsditch * * * ."[2] and

"Sep. 7, 1638. * * * Steven ffosditch * * * C. R. Vol. 1, p. 196."[3]

On the 3d of 10th mo. 1639, he served upon a jury for the trial of an indictment for murder in the Court of Assistants or Quarter Court, held at Boston,[4] being recorded as "Steven Fosditch."

At a general meeting of the freemen, held the 15th of 12th mo., 1640, he and two others were chosen "Surveyors for ye Highwaies,"[5] the only civil office which he is known to have held. (Recorded "Stephen ffosdich)."

His church relations do not seem to have been harmonious. In the earlier days of the noted Baptist controversy, he was fined £20, (probably for reading Anabaptist books, or offences of this nature),[6] and on May 7, 1643, was excommunicated from the church. The civil penalty was released a few years

1. Frothingham's Hist., 99.
2. Mass. Records, I. 374.
3. N. E. H. and G. Reg., III. 96.
4. Mass. Records, I. 283.
5. Town Records.
6. Frothingham's Hist., 128.

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afterwards. His house, worth £15, was burned while it was in the Sheriff's hands, and in 1648, on his petition, the fine was abated to £5, which he paid, and his lands were discharged.[1] But he was not restored to the church until 1664,[2] about three months before his death. There is no concurrent church record of the sentence or its cause; but the church record of the restoration shows the offence to have consisted in speaking against the church covenant, and neglecting to hear the church in their dealings with him;[3] and no reason appears for making this case an exception to the statement made by the historian of the Church, in referring to later cases of discipline, that "it is due to the moral character of the persons thus excommunicated from this church, to say, that it was undoubtedly fair and Christian."[4]

His landed possessions and transactions were considerable. Besides his house plot, granted in 1635; in 1638 the town granted him the meadow between his planting ground and the River;[5] in 1639, he and four neighbors were granted liberty to make a key, (quay) "as farre out as they will;"[6] in 1642. he hired "two thirds of the ware vizt Mr. Winthrop's pt. and the Town's pt. the said Stephen is to have halfe the fiish for his Labo' and the othr halfe to redound to the use of Mr. Winthrop and the Towne;"[7] in 1658, March 1, he shared in the allotment of a large tract of town lands among the inhabitants of the town, his share being twenty-five acres wood and four and a

1. Mass. Records, III. 139.
2. Ch. Rec. in N. E. H. and G. Reg. xxiv, 11: Frothingham, 132.
3. Ib. Ib.
4. Budington's Hist. Ch. 59.
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half commons;[1] and besides these, made purchases and sales of other tracts to quite a great extent.

He died in Charlestown, May 21, 1664,[2] aged 81, leaving an estate inventoried at £500,[3] which then was riches.[4] By his will, dated February 23, 1663, probate June 21, 1664, he gave the house and barn and the yard and garden belonging to it, within Charlestown, lying by Mr. Shapley's, with other lands, to his grand child, Samuel Fosdick, the son of John, and to his heirs, male or female, and so to run in the generation of the Fosdicks forever.[5]

The location of the house in Charlestown cannot now be found.[6]

WILL OF STEPHEN FOSDICK.

Memorandum. I Steeven Fosdicke, of Charlestown in the coun of Midlesex, being sicke and weake, yet being of good understanding, hath made made this my last will and testamt, first. I returne my soul to God that gave it mee, and to the Lord Jesus Christ who hath redeemed it nextly I comitt my body to the ground. to be comely and decently buried, nextly all my debts to be pay'd, and then for that little estate that I have, I do thus dispose of as followeth:

first. I give to my wife the four roomes, one one over another which we do now make use of,

It. I give my wife the bed wee now ly on, and the hutches and the little table that are in the roome, with the little kettle and the pott and the great kettle with those things that are convenient for her during the terme of her life, and half the upper garden next unto Mr. Shaplyes and Michael Long, with free egress and regress with all the household stuffe that is mine, during her life, and after my wives decease the house and lands to returne to my executrix, and for the moveables above mentioned is to be equally divided, betweene my grand children of James Bar-

1. Frothingham, 154.
2. Family Records.
3. Wyman's Genealogies, 355.
4. Bancroft II., 407.
5. Probate Records.
6. Private Letter.

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ratt and Richard Holding that are now liveing. Also my wife is to have the felling ax that Goodman Cuttar made mee last and two wedges and one beetle, furthermore I order my executrix to pay to my wife three pounds every yeare, and lay her in six cord of wood yearly upon the wharfe for her use, furthermore I give to my wife a cow, and a cow comon to keep the cow on and also I order my executrix to winter this cow for her yearly during her life: and likewise this cow among the moveables above mentioned to be divided among my grand children of James Barratt and Richard Holding and the cowes comon to returne to my executrix after my wives decease.

It, secondly. I give to my daughter Hannah the wife of James Barratt ten pounds to be pay'd in marchantable comodityes in a twelvemonth after my decease. If my daughter Hannah should dy before the terme of paym't I give it to her sonne Steeven Barrett.

Thirdly. I give to my daughter Martha, the wife of Richard Holding ten pounds to be pay'd a twelvemonth after my decease, moreover I give the forty acres of land in Oburne bounded south-east with the land of faint not wines, and the next bounded abt with the comon, this land to continue to Richard Holding the terme of his life, and if Martha dy before her husband, Richard Holding then the ten pounds and the forty acres of land to be equally divided between the children of Martha Holding the two fore mentioned ten pounds apeece to be pay'd to my two daughters Hannah and Martha is to be paid to them by my executrix.

Fourthly. I give to my daughter Marah the wife of Thomas Web the sum of fifteen pounds, to be pay'd within three years after my decease and if my daughter Marah Web should dy haveing no child then it shall returne to my executrix and then that fifteen pounds to be divided equally between the children of John Fosdicke and Thomas Fosdicke.

Fifthly. I give to my grand child Steeven Fosdicke twenty pounds when he doth come of age of one and twenty years ten pounds and th' other ten pounds to be pay'd when he cometh of two and twenty years of age, to be pay'd to him by my executrix.

Sixthly. I give my grand child Samuel Fosdick the sonne of Jno. Fosdicke, after my sonne John Fosdicke's decease the house and barne and the yard and garden belonging to it within Charlestowne, lying by Mr. Shapleys with the Hay lott in Durty marsh, and the two cow comons and the wood lott which was given to it by lott, to him and to his heyres, male or female, and so to rune in the genaccon of the Fosdicks forever.

Seaventhly. I give to my grand child John Fosdicke, the son

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of John Fosdicke the house and land lying in Mauldon and the halfe cow hay lott lying in Mauldon and the cow lott, lying in Mr. Wilson's side, and the wood lott that I bought of Mr. Rowell, to him and to his heyres male or female never to go out of the genaccon of the Fosdicks forever. Moreover my executrix is to pay twenty pounds to my two grand children of my sonne Thomas Fosdicke that was their fathers estate which was disposed to them by the Court.

furthermore I make my sonne John Fosdicke my sole heyre and executrix of my whole estate, this being my last will and testamt,

And I desire my friends William Dady and Solomon Phips to be my overseers of this my last will and testamt.

Dated the 23d of Febr 1663.

Signed and delivd
In the presence of us — STEEVEN FOSDICKE

JOHN CUTLER
NATHL DADY

John Cutler and Nath Dady appearing before the Court at Charlestowne, June 21, 1664 and being sworne do say that Steeven Fosdicke above named, deced, being of sound judgement and memory signed and declared this instrument as his last will and testoment and that they know of no other,

THOMAS DANFORTH, R.

THE CHILDREN OF STEPHEN FOSDICK.

1. HANNAH, born 1615, married James Barrett, 1642, and lived at Malden, where she died in 1681, 23 descendants traced* bearing the family names Barrett, Eames, Eustis, Grover, Randall, Ross, Scollay and Viscount.

2. THOMAS, b. 1616, m. Damaris ——, d. 1650, 2 descendants*.

3. MARTHA, b. 1617, m. Richard Holden, lived at Watertown and Groton, 275 descendants traced*, bearing the family names, Beard, Blood, Boyden, Chamberlin, Cutter, Flagg, Gould, Green, Hartwell,

*Names omitted as not belonging to this Branch.

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Holden, Hooper, Johnson, Lakin, Nevers, Richardson, Smith, Stratton, Swan, Tufts, Williams and Wilson.

One of these was Oliver Holden, composer of "Coronation."

4. SAMUEL, carpenter, d. 1649.
5. Prob. Sarah.
6. Unknown.
7. JOHN, b. 1626, the next lineal ancestor.
8. MARY, b. 1630, m. Thomas Webb, 2 descendants*.

*Names omitted as not belonging to this Branch.

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JOHN FOSDICK,
(SECOND LINEAL ANCESTOR) AND HIS FAMILY.

CHARLESTOWN.

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JOHN FOSDICK.

JOHN FOSDICK, seventh child of Stephen, born in England, in 1626, was a carpenter, living at Charlestown, except that he is supposed to have lived at Malden a few years. He was probably Sergeant Fosdick of Malden.[1] In 1658 he took a share of the public lands then divided by the town, his share being fourteen acres wood and two and one-half acres commons.[2] His father Stephen and father-in-law Nicholas Shapley also took shares. In 1675 he and Nathaniel Frothingham took a contract, by vote of the town, to rebuild the galleries, &c., in the church, for which they were to receive £46 in town pay, "and if it shall appear a hard bargain, twenty shillings more."[3] He was appointed one of the Tythingmen in 1677,[4] whose duty it was to inspect each a district of ten or twelve families, and held the office in 1679,[5] in which year he is also mentioned as owning land adjoining the battery, which was one of the two fortifications in Charlestown.[6] He was admitted a member of the church in Charlestown in full communion on the 11th of 8th mo., 1696, being recorded as "John Fosdike, sen'r."[7] He purchased several parcels of land in Malden and Charlestown (other than those allotted to him by the town in 1658), the principal part of which he gave to his sons by deed of gift before his death. He died

1. Savage's Gen. Dic. II. 186.
2. Frothingham's Hist., 154
3. Ib. 188.
4. Ib. 189.
5. N. E. H. & G. Reg. V, 172.
6. Mass. Rec. V, 249.
7. Ch. Rec., Budington, 247.

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September 17, 1716, aged 90 years. The inventory of his estate, October 12, 1716, mentions eight and three-quarter acres and also twenty-eight acres woods, Mystic Side.

He was twice married; to his first wife, Anna Shapley (daughter of Nicholas and Anna Shapley), in 1648,[1] who died October 15, 1679; and to his second wife, Elizabeth Betts (widow of John Betts), who survived him ten days.

His children were eleven in number, named James, Mary, Ann, SAMUEL, John, Stephen, Thomas, Joseph, Sarah, Jonathan and Sarah.[2]

THE CHILDREN OF JOHN FOSDICK OF CHARLESTOWN.

1. JAMES, b. June 17, 1649, m. Hannah——, drowned March 9, 1695 6. Twelve descendants traced;* family names Fosdick and Fulker.

2. MARY, b. July 2, 1651, m. Thomas Ashley, d. March 1, 1696 7. Five descendants traced.*

3. ANNA, b. October 2, 1653, m. Samuel Blunt June 9, 1680, d. August 8, 1715. One hundred and eighteen descendants,* with family names Asbury, Balfour, Blunt, Briggs, Center, Crocker, Davis, Devens, Downs, Goodwin, Hammatt, Hunt, Lincoln, Miller, Morris, Parker, Powell, Rand, Reed, Rice, Rumrill, Sherburne, Townsend, Valentine and Wornstead. One of them was Hon. Charles Devens, late U. S. Att'y Gen.

4. SAMUEL, b. December 15, 1655, the next lineal ancestor.

5. JOHN, b. February 20, 1657, m. Sarah Bligh. Sixteen descendants traced.* Family names Belknap, Edwards, Fosdick, Jackson and Webb.

1. Family MSS.
2. Wyman's Gen., 355.
*Names omitted as not belonging to this Branch.

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6. STEPHEN, b. November 1, 1660, m. Margaret Martin 1685, d. May 19, 1730. Descendants, thirty-one.* Family names Adams, Angier, Fosdick, Mallett, Mattocks and Miller.

7. THOMAS, b. November 1, 1662, m. Mary Martin May 16, 1695. Descendants eighteen.* Family names Curtis, Fosdick, Foster.

8. JOSEPH, b. April 1, 1665, drowned June 19, 1668.

9. SARAH, b. April 22, 1667, d. August 22, 1668.

10. JONATHAN, b. August 25, 1669, m. Sarah Sprague. Descendants thirty-three.* Family names Dowse, Fosdick, Ramsdall, Robbins, Sprague and Williams.

11. SARAH, b. June 11, 1687, m. Daniel Newel.

Only two representatives bearing the family name now reside in Charlestown.[1]

*Names omitted as not belonging to this Branch.
1. Private Letter, Oct. 9, 1879.

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SAMUEL FOSDICK FIRST,
(THIRD LINEAL ANCESTOR), ALSO
KNOWN AS
CAPTAIN SAMUEL FOSDICK
OF NEW LONDON, AND HIS FAMILY.

NEW LONDON.

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SAMUEL FOSDICK FIRST.

SAMUEL FOSDICK, first, the third lineal ancestor, known as Captain Samuel Fosdick of New London, was born in Charlestown December 15, 1655, and went to New London about 1680, where he lived during the rest of his life. He married Mercy Picket at New London November 1, 1682.[1] His wife was the youngest daughter of John Picket and his wife Ruth, whose maiden name was Brewster. Ruth Picket's father, Benjamin Brewster, was son of Jonathan Brewster (a son of Elder William Brewster, of the Mayflower,) whose wife Lucretia, is referred to in Caulkins' History of New London, as follows: "Mrs. Lucretia Brewster, the wife of Jonathan, was evidently a woman of note and respectability among her compeers. She has always the prefix of honor (Mrs. or Mistress) and is usually presented to view in some useful capacity—an attendant upon the sick and dying as nurse, doctress, or midwife, or a witness to wills and other important transactions. She was one of the first band of pilgrims that arrived at Plymouth in the Mayflower, December, 1620, being a member of the family of her father-in-law, Elder William Brewster, and having one child, William, with her. Her husband came over in the Fortune, which arrived November 10th, 1621."[2] Her name does not appear in Bradford's list of the Mayflower's passengers, but she and her son William were no doubt in the colony when the Fortune arrived, bringing her husband; and with reference to

1. Family MSS.
2. Caulkins' Hist. New London, 276.

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this event, Steele, the historian of the Chief of the Pilgrims, says: "To the colony, weakened in numbers and strength, and surrounded by dangers, it" (the arrival of the Fortune) "was an event marked, and of deep concern. It was so in particular to the family of the Elder. To him and Mrs. Brewster came, among the passengers, their eldest son Jonathan, and to the others an elder brother. Of the Elder's family, therefore, now present, were himself, his wife, and their three sons. From their daughters, they were still separated. How soon, or when, Lucretia, the wife of Jonathan, came with her son William, there appears to be no record."[1] It is not a material matter, but this statement of Steele's seems inferentially to corroborate that of Miss Caulkins, taken from the manuscripts of the family. His wife survived him, and married, for her second husband, John Arnold.

Prior to his removal from Charlestown he served in King Philip's war, 1675, being a corporal in Capt. Samuel Mosely's Company.[2] He was baptised in Charlestown Church April 15, 1677.[3] On or shortly after arriving in New London, and previous to his marriage, he purchased 200 acres from Owenca, Sachem of the Mohegs, the deed for which, January, 1682, describes him as "Samuell ffosdicke late of Charelstowne in the Collonie of ye Masachusets."[4]

On January 17, 1691–2, he and his wife Mercy owned the covenant, and had four children baptised, viz: Samuel, Mercy, Ruth and Anna, in the First Church of Christ, New London, by Rev. Gurdon Saltonstall, and on February 28, 1696–7, he and his wife were admitted into the church.[5]

1. Steele's Chief of Pilgrims, 273.
2. Frothingham's Charlestown, 179; N. E. H. & G. Reg. VIII, 261; Ridpath's U. S., 142.
3. Church Records I, 238.
4. Land Records of New London, V, 86.
5. Church Records.

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He was a Deputy for New London, in the General Court of Connecticut for the years 1694, 1696, 1697, 1698 and 1700.[1] In 1698, he was appointed by the town a member of the first Bartlet Committee, which was a committee to look after an estate which Bartlet had bequeathed to the town.[2] In the same year, the General Court, on motion of Gov. Fitz John Winthrop, appointed him one of the alternates of a committee to renew the bounds of a tract of land purchased by John Winthrop, former Governor; and at the same time, one of a committee to lay out a township, "beginning at the north bound of Twentie Mile River, and so to extend southward, to a river called Deep River, and to extend eastward from the bounds of Haddum, seven miles."[3]

In May, 1699, the General Court ordered that a patent be granted of the township of New London, to certain patentees, "Mr. Sam[ll] Fosdick" being named as one.[4]

He owned a farm on Plum Island, under cultivation, well stocked and productive; a town residence on Fosdick's Neck; a house lot on the bank, comprising nearly the whole block between Golden and Tilley Streets, which lay vacant at his death, but afterwards became the valuable homestead of his youngest son, Thomas, and his decendants.[5]

In addition to his prominence as a landholder and civil officer, he had some distinction in military matters, from which he probably derived his title of Captain. In October 1690, he was appointed a Lieutenant of one of the two foot companies which the General

1. Connecticut Pub. Rec.
2. Caulkins' Hist., 347.
3. Conn. Pub. Rec.
4. Ib.
5. Caulkins, 344.

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Court, seeing "the necessity of utmost endeavo. : to prevent the French of attacquing or setleing at Albany," ordered to be raised and sent with all speed to that place, his company "is to consist of sixty-foure English soldiers, besides officers, and so many Indians as will go forth with them to the number of forty, which company is to be raysed out of the County of Hartford and New London." In August, 1697, at a meeting of the Governor and council in Hartford "Capt[n] Sam[ll] Fosdick" being one of the members of Council present), orders were sent to Major James Fitch "to take care that the fort at New London be furnisht with men, armes and ammunition, and that all things thereto belonging be in good order for the defence of the town and repulse of the enemy; and also to list a certain number of men in each of the towns adjacent, to be ready to march to New London or to any other place within the Countie of New London, upon any sodain approach of the enemy, with other orders necessary to be attended for the defence and safety of his Majesties subjects in that countie in this time of warre and danger. * * * Mr. Sam[ll] Fosdick was appointed and commissionated by the Councill to be Captain of the souldiers to be listed out of the severall towns for the service before mentioned."[1] His name also appears upon the local records in other connections.

He died August 27, 1700, leaving a large estate.[2] "A glance at the inventory of Capt. Fosdick will show the ample and comfortable style of housekeeping to which the inhabitants had attained in 1700."[3] On the division of the estate, ordered August 31, 1704, the widow takes one-third of the realty for life, and one-third of

1. Conn. Rec.
2. Caulkins', 344.
3. Ib.

the personalty forever; the eldest son a double portion, and the rest of the children equal portions.[1]

His children were eight, namely: 1, Samuel, died young; 2, SAMUEL; 3, Mercy; 4, Ruth; 5, Anna; 6, John; 7, Thomas, and 8, Mary.

THE CHILDREN OF CAPT. SAMUEL FOSDICK, OF NEW LONDON.

2. SAMUEL—"Samuel, the oldest son of Capt. Samuel Fosdick, removed to Oyster Bay, Long Island, where he was living in 1750."[2] He was born September 18, 1684, and was the next lineal ancestor.

3. MERCY, b. Nov. 30, 1686, married Thomas Jiggles, of Boston, in 1708,[3] and after his death married Thomas Morris. Had a daughter, Mercy, who married John Trumbull and had three children;* d. a wid. July 9, 1754. After the death of her first husband, Mrs. J. returned to New London, and is mentioned in 1723, as having been assigned by vote to a proper seat in church, according to the peculiar regulations of the time for recognizing social distinction by that means.[4]

4. RUTH, b. June 27, 1689, m. Tilley, of New York, d. June 29, 1741.

5. ANNA, b. December 8, 1691, m. Thomas Latham, of Groton, d. 1761.

6. JOHN, or JONATHAN, b. February 1, 1694, went to Guilford, m. there, d. February 7, 1747.[5] His wife was Jane Bradley. Descendants, two hundred and sixteen.* Family names Angel, Baldwin, Beckwith,

1. Probate Rec.
2. Caulkins', 344.
3. Fam. Rec.
4. Caulkins', 379.
5. Private MSS.

*Names omitted as not belonging to this Branch.

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Bentley, Blatchley, Bogardus, Brown, Carter, Chittenden, Coffin, Cook, Dudley, Eastman, Fosdick, Foster, Fowler, Fyler, Gardner, Goss, Graves, Griswold, Hill, Hoadley, Hollenback, Hotchkiss, Hubbard, Jackson, Jacobs, Jones, Judd, Kirkham, Merwin, Ray, Stone, Tryon and Weed.

7. THOMAS, b. August 29, 1696, known as Deacon Thomas Fosdick, was the only one of the children who remained in New London, where he was a man of much prominence; m. 1, Esther Updike, 1720; m. 2, Grace Minor, 1755. Descendants, one hundred and twenty-seven.* Family names Ash, Billings, Brown, Capen, Crowley, Dennis, Dering, Ganoung, Green, Havens, Jones, L'Hommedieu, Musgrave, Mussey, Ramsdall, Richards, Sleight and Stewart.

8. MARY, b. July 7, 1699, m. Richard Sutton of Charlestown,[1] 1719, d. there 1757. Descendants, twenty-seven.* Family names, Adams, Breed, Hastings, Shaw, Skinner, Sutton and Trumbull.

Only one representative of the family now lives in New London.

1. Fam. Rec.

*Names omitted as not belonging to this Branch.

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SAMUEL FOSDICK SECOND,
THE FOURTH LINEAL ANCESTOR,
AND HIS FAMILY.

NEW LONDON,
CHARLESTOWN,
OYSTERBAY.

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SAMUEL FOSDICK, SECOND.

SAMUEL FOSDICK, second, also known as Samuel Fosdick, Senior, of Oyster Bay, the fourth lineal ancestor, was the first of the family name, who lived upon Long Island, and was a connecting link, so to speak, between the Charlestown, New London and Oyster Bay branches of the family, with each of which he became identified by his residence, at different periods of his life, in each of those places.

No extended family records are found concerning him. Reliance must therefore be placed upon the records of those places for his history. By a comparison of the facts they disclose (regard being had also to his disposition to move from place to place, and his habit of travel which seems to have been a prominent trait, especially in later life), we are furnished with a sufficiently connected and satisfactory account of his life.

He was born September 16, 1684, in New London, where he lived until about thirty-five years of age. Here he was baptized January 17, 1691-2, at the First Church of Christ, with his sisters, Mercy, Ruth and Anna, by Rev. Gurdon Saltonstall.[1] Here he married his first wife, Susanna Turner, July 13, 1706. Her parentage is not stated, but she was probably a daughter of Ezekiel Turner, of New London, who came to that place from Scituate, about 1675, married Susanna Keeny, in 1678, and died in New London, January 16, 1703-4, leaving a son and ten daughters. If so, she also, as well as the wife of Samuel Fosdick 1st, was descended from the Brews-

1. Church Records.

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ters; her father's mother, Mary, being a daughter of Jonathan and Lucretia Brewster, before referred to. Here his first six children, Mercy, Mary, Samuel, William, Ruth and James were born, and James, the youngest, was baptized here on June 2, 1717.[1]

He now removed, with his wife and six children, to Charlestown, where he owned the house and property inherited as heir of his father, under the will of his great grandfather, Stephen Fosdick[2], and perhaps this property became the family residence. His three younger children, Ezekiel, Jesse and Susanna, were born in Charlestown, the eldest of them on Febru- 17, 1719 20, and the youngest on October 11, 1724. Here he had some unimportant transactions in landed property, and on September 19, 1728, he gave and granted to the selectmen, for the time being, of Charles town, all his "housing and lands in said Charles town and Stoneham," excepting certain parcels, and providing as to these excepted parcels that if he should sell them "or any part thereof, for the payment of his debts or other ways," his wife should sign the deeds with him, and should have half the money remaining after payment of his debts. "To have and to hold unto the said selectmen during the life of my said wife provided she sign and execute deeds as above said unless I return and live with her again until death part us to the use and intent that the said selectmen as above said shall suffer the said Susannah always to enjoy the premises, and take the whole profit thereof for the maintainance of her own person and children as above said, and that she shall have for herself and use as aforesaid, the one-half of my household goods."[3]

1. Wyman. 356.
2. Vide supra, p. 27.
3. Middlesex Records, XXIV. 469.

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Having thus made provision for his family during the lifetime of his wife, he went soon after to Oyster Bay.[1] Only his son Samuel accompanied him. The rest of his family remained in Charlestown. He is first mentioned in the records of Oyster Bay, in 1736. His movements during the interval are not shown. He may have tarried a little in Charlestown, probably visited New London, and possibly made a voyage to England and back. He was a blacksmith, and is once mentioned as a potter. His trade of blacksmith may give some color of reason for selecting Oyster Bay as a place where he could find lucrative employment. It appears from a recent history of that town that many years previously "no blacksmith was found fit to mend their utensils and wares. They no doubt required an accomplished artisan, one who could make their old articles as good as new, and thus greatly extend their term of usefulness. * * * 'The records show that for many years the settlement of a blacksmith in the village was considered a public concern.'"[2]

The records of Oyster Bay show:[3]

1736, April 3. Hezekiah Holdridge, blacksmith, conveyed to Samuel Fosdick, of Oyster Bay, potter, for £50, good and lawful money, or bills of credit of the Colony of Connecticut, in New England, a garden spot and house in Oyster Bay, fifty feet on the street. This is understood to be the location of his smith shop.

1741, February 12. Samuel Fosdick, of Oyster Bay, blacksmith, conveyed to William Hawxhurst, merchant, for seventeen shillings, a small piece of land on which Hawxhurst's foundation stands.

1742, April 6. At a Town Meeting then held "itt

1. Caulkins, 362.
2. Hist. Queens Co., p. 476.
3. Oysterbay Town Records.

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was Granted to Samuell ffordick the Liberty of Six Rods of Beach against Blemen's Bridge so called for to Build a Wharfe."

1748, April 29, Charles Wright conveyed land to Samuell Fosdick, of Oysterbay for £30 New York money.

1750, May 9. The same conveyed land to Samuell Fosdick, of the Town of Oyster Bay, for £132 New York money.

1752, March 20. Penn Townsend conveyed to Samuell Fosdick, blacksmith, of Oyster Bay, for £25, New York money, a quarter of an acre "adjoining said Samuel Fosdick's smith shop."

1752, December 7. Samuell Fosdick, blacksmith, and Ezekiel Shadbolt, house carpenter, both of Oyster Bay, gave to their son and daughter, Samuel Fosdick, Jr. and his wife Deborah Fosdick, both of the same town, land in Oyster Bay, which Morris Shadbolt died seised of. This deed is more fully referred to in the account of Samuel Fosdick, Jr., below.

1753, May 17. Samuell Fosdick, of the Town of Oyster Bay, blacksmith, conveyed land to Elije Wright.

1754, September 6. Samuel Fosdick, of Oyster Bay, blacksmith, conveyed land to Isaac Frost.

1754, September 15. Samuel Fosdick, of Oyster Bay, blacksmith, conveyed to John Butler and others, land in Oyster Bay, bounded east and north partly by Samuel Fosdick, Jr.;[1] and,

1756, September 12. Samuel Fosdick, of Oyster Bay, blacksmith, conveyed to Benjamin Hawxhurst, for £127, 10s., the original house spot, blacksmith shop, &c., bought of Holdridge, and the one-quarter acre bought of Townsend.

1. Queens Co. Records.

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During the twenty years covered by these transactions, he probably visited Charlestown more or less frequently, and is mentioned as being there in 1751, and as being some months in Boston.[1]

His wife Susannah died in Charlestown on February 22, 1753, in her 68th year. Five years afterward he married his second wife, Elizabeth Le Gross of Oyster-Bay. The marriage was by banns, at Oyster Bay, by Rev. Samuel Seabury, Rector of St. George's Church, of Hempstead,[2] in whose parish Oyster Bay was then included. No further mention of her is found. He is mentioned as being in Charlestown again in 1759.[3] No further trace of his movements is found until 1767, when he is in Charlestown again. Deborah, wife of his son Samuel, had died in Oyster Bay, July, 1759.[4] It may be inferred that this second wife of Samuel, Sen., died shortly after her marriage, and that he then went to Charlestown, being afterward in Oyster Bay only at intervals, if at all. As his son Samuel had accompanied him to Oyster Bay, was also a blacksmith, and had doubtless for all these years worked with him in his calling, and been allied with him in his Oyster Bay interests, he probably left his property and business in Oyster Bay to his son's care, and for his benefit.

Later facts show this to have been his intention. By his will, made a few years later, he effectually separates his interests in Oyster Bay from his interests in Charlestown, and allows them to go to Samuel by giving his Charlestown property to his children there, and expressly excluding them from any claim or right to his estate in the government of New York.

His will was made in Charlestown on April 23,

1. Wyman, 336.
2. Church Records.
3. Wyman,
4. Fam. Records.

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1767, he being then eighty-three years old. The first paragraph is:

"Memorandam I Samuel Fosdick of Charlestown In the County of Middlesex and Province of the Massichucits Bay in New England and Being att Present in good helth of Bodey and of Sound Memory and Understanding, and about to take a longue Jorney or Voige and being farr advanced In years and age and not Knowing that I shall Ever Return heir again Do make and ordain this my Last will and Testimen as followeth, viz."

The will recites that he made a will in 1751 in the lifetime of his wife Susannah, and then gave her the disposal of all his personal or moveable estate after his decease, but she distributed it all "In the time of my abcene" and his daughters still possess it; he now confirms to them all distributed by his wife before her decease or that which they have taken into possession since her decease, neither of them to claim any part of his estate otherways hereafter; gives his dutiful son Ezekiel one-half of the lands derived by heirship from Nicholas Shapley "as shall by my deed of gift manifest;" gives his son James the other half thereof, also all his other real estate after his decease, both that which was given him by his great-grandfather Stephen Fosdick by will dated February 23, 1663, and all other lands belonging to him in Charlestown old or Stonham which is not above mentioned, "and I do hereby Exclud all those my above mentioned children to clame or have aney Right to aney Estate which Doth belonge to me In the Govrment of new York;" ordains his son James his heir and executor; recites that he is the lawful heir of his father Samuel Fosdick who was the same which Stephen Fosdick, late of Charlestown, dec^{d}, did by his will and entailment give

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and make over all his land and house in Charlestown, and forbids any alteration or breach of any part of said will of Stephen Fosdick, but that it stand good unto his posterity and especially that part relating to Samuel Fosdick his grandson.

The circumstance that in this will he does not mention his eldest son, Samuel, who was in Oyster Bay, and does not dispose of his property in New York State, and in one of the three instances in which James is named in the will calls him eldest son, is further confirmation of his intention that Samuel should have the property in Oyster Bay solely, and that James's succession should be assured as far as possible to the Charlestown property devised and entailed by the will of Stephen Fosdick.

Nothing whatever is known of him after this time. He probably took the contemplated long voyage or journey and died at sea or abroad. His will was not proved until November 4, 1784[1] (seventeen years after its date and one hundred years after his birth). The Revolutionary War had come and passed. His death was probably presumed from long absence, but the proofs in relation to it are not included in the probate record or files, and its date cannot be even approximately stated.

His children were, 1, Mercy; 2, Mary; 3, SAMUEL; 4, William; 5, Ruth; 6, James; 7, Ezekiel; 8, Jesse, and 9, Susanna.

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL FOSDICK, SECOND.

1. MERCY, b. 1707 in New London, m. Samuel Wolcott. Descendants eighteen.* Family names, Gibson, Mitchell, Munger, Townsend and Wolcott.

1. Middlesex Probate Records.
*Names omitted as not belonging to this Branch.

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2. MARY, b. March 28, 1708, in New London. Nothing known.

3. SAMUEL, b. March 11, 1710–11, in New London, next lineal ancestor.

4. WILLIAM, b. February 4, 1712–13, in New London, m. Susanna White, d. prev. to 1742. Descendants forty-five.* Family names, Beard, Bradshaw, Childs, Daman, Dix, Fosdick, Gibbs, Simmons, Whitemarsh and Willard.

5. RUTH, b. January 25, 1713–14, in New London. Nothing known.

6. JAMES, b. November 20. 1716, in New London, m. Elizabeth Darling, d. October 16, 1784. Descendants one hundred and thirty-eight.* Family names, Brasier, Fosdick, Frothingham, Hall, Hosea, Johnson, Litch, Penney, Phipps, Porter, Prince, Rand, Rice, Scott, Walker and Wood.

7. EZEKIEL, b. February 17, 1719–20, in Charlestown, m. 1, Abigail Wright; m. 2, Anna Wells. Descendants sixty-five.* Family names, Bacon, Bloom, Boardman, Bulkly, Curtiss, Davis, Flint, Fosdick, Fuller, Goss, Hally, Harrison, Kilborne, Miller, Mitchell, Payne, Porter and Whittemore.

8. JESSE, b. November 7, 1722, in Charlestown. Nothing known.

9. SUSANNA, b. October 11, 1724, in Charlestown, m. Samuel Frothingham, d. 1801. Decendants seventeen.* Family names, Frothingham, Hewlet and Wait.

*Names omitted as not belonging to this Branch.

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SAMUEL FOSDICK THIRD,
ALSO KNOWN AS SAMUEL FOSDICK
JUNIOR,
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SAMUEL FOSDICK THIRD.

SAMUEL FOSDICK third, also known as Samuel Fosdick, junior, of Oyster Bay, the fifth lineal ancestor, was the real founder of the Oyster Bay branch of the family. As he was the last common ancestor of the descendants to whom this record relates, quite full reference to the circumstances of his life and family is thought proper.

He was born in New London, March 11, 1710-11,[1] and was thus about eight years of age when his father's family removed to Charlestown. He probably remained in the latter place until about his twentieth year, when he went with his father to Oyster Bay; but the details of his early life are not positively indicated, and he may have left home much earlier, and may have been located in Oyster Bay before his father went there. He was christened in Oyster Bay, in 1750.[2] He married and established his family home there, and lived there until after the close of the Revolutionary War. All his twelve children were born in that place.

He was married twice. His first wife, Deborah Shadbolt, whom he married in July, 1752, was a daughter of Ezekiel and Deborah Shadbolt,[3] and granddaughter of Morris Shadbolt. Her father and grandfather were both men of some prominence and substance. She was born January 1, 1735.[4] Her family was Episcopalian, and at a general town meet-

1. Wyman's Geneal. 884.
2. Onderdonk Mem.
3. Oyster Bay Rec.
4. Fam Rec.

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ing, held January 14, 1707, her grandfather was chosen one of the Vestrymen of the Episcopal Church at Hempstead.[1] After their marriage, his father, Samuel Fosdick, blacksmith, and her father, Ezekiel Shadbolt, house carpenter, both of the township of Oyster Bay, joined in giving them a deed, which was dated December 7, 1752, reciting that "for and in consideration of the fatherly love and affection which we have for our son and daughter, Samuell Fosdick, junior, and his wife Deborah Fosdick, both of the same town aforesaid, and for their dutiful and well behaving towards us, and for there further Incouragement of well liveing in the world, wee the said Samuell Fosdick and Ezekiel Shadbolt, do by these presents give, grant, release, convey, assure and confirm unto our aforesaid son, Samuell Fosdick, and to our daughter, Deborah Fosdick his wife, and to their Heirs and assigns forever, all that tract of land, Houses and swamp, which we have, situate, lying and being in the Old Purchase of Oyster Bay, lying on the west side the highway that leads up the east the Mill River Creek so called * * * * it being land that was Morriss Shadbolt, deceased, Dyed seised of."[2]

She died July 3, 1759,[3] leaving three small children, Silas, aged 6 years; Morris, 4; and Sarah, 3; of whom Morris died about a year afterward.

His second wife, whom he married in the spring of 1760, was Mary Wright, a widow, whose maiden name was Moore.

She was of Irish descent, her family coming either from Dublin or Ballinasloe, and was a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. At the time of this

1. Onderdonk's Annals, Hempstead, 64; Hempstead Records, D. 198.
2. Oyster Bay Rec.
3. Fam. Rec.

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marriage she had two small children, by her former husband, named John Wright and Sarah Wright. The former of these went to sea, and was not heard from afterward, and the latter married Zophar Weeks, and lived in New York City, having a son Isaac, who at one time visited her half brothers, Morris and Solomon, when they lived at Rockaway. The Wrights were among the early settlers in Oyster Bay, and had become quite numerous and prominent, the name appearing frequently upon the property records of the town. She died in 1786, at Oyster Bay, and was buried there. She left nine children by her second marriage, named Samuel, Nathaniel, Anna, Prudence, Rebecca, Morris, Thomas, Deborah and Solomon, the latter being but ten years old at the time of her death. She was slight and small of stature (as extravagantly expressed by one descendant "about the size of a wasp)," but spirited, bravehearted, and devoted to her family. Some instances of her courage have been preserved in the family annals, being the reminiscences of Solomon the youngest child, who because of his tender age was more the companion of his mother, from which we insert the following (communicated by one of his granddaughters) by way of illustration:

"Her husband being a blacksmith, had his doors and windows strongly barred. It was not uncommon in those days for people to have their property carried away. A man came to take her poultry. She took an ax, and stepping between him and them, threatened its use if he did not let them alone. He walked first upon one side and then upon the other, she still keeping guard over her flock. Finally he laughed and went away without them."

"While she and her two younger children, Deborah and Solomon, were walking near the shore one day

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she saw a man who was swimming suddenly sink, having been seized with cramp. She ran, and plunging into the water, brought him to the shore."

"One evening she and the little children, Debbie and Solomon were alone in the house. There was a knock at the door. She said, 'Samuel is that you?' No answer, but another knock at the door. She repeated the question. Some one said, 'open the door or I'll stave it down.' She went to another door. The famous dog, Gunner, was by her side. She opened the door and told Gunner to take him. She heard some one run. Heard Gunner grapple him, went out and discovered that he had got a negro by the throat. She had to choke the dog before he would let go his hold. The negro was badly hurt. She dragged him into the entry, and in the morning sent for his master."

"One of her granddaughters states that she always heard her grandmother Fosdick mentioned as more than an ordinary woman; had heard her shrewdness spoken of in connection with accounts of her management about sending baskets of provisions and other things to her husband and other continental soldiers; thought they were prisoners or in barracks; had heard it said that she had done a great deal in the time of the war, and had been a great help."

He was a blacksmith, and doubtless followed that calling in the shop of his father, living after his first marriage, on the place conveyed to him and his first wife by their parents. He and his wife Mary conveyed this property in March, 1763, for £250.[1] Some time subsequent to this they lived upon the Nora Wright farm. She and her children may have been possessed of a farm when he married her. In 1767, he sold a slave (a negro woman named Venus), for

1. Oyster Bay Rec. G. 310.

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£55, stated in the record of the transaction to be the property of his two eldest children, Silas and Sarah, and gave the purchaser a mortgage for obtaining a release from them.[1]

In 1775, he took part in an election held for Queens County, at Jamaica, from November 7th to 11th, in that year, for Deputies to the Provincial Congress, which resulted in a vote of 221 for Deputies, and 788 against. His name appears in the list of those who voted against sending Deputies,[2] and he thus became subject to the resolutions which the Provincial Congress passed December 21, 1775, in retaliation.[3] A large number of these "delinquents" afterward retracted and became attached to the colonial cause. About a year later, "the King being now in possession of Queens County, and his soldiers scattered over it, the leading whigs having been thrown into prison, and the property of those who fled seized by the enemy, the remainder were constrained to join the Loyalists in petitioning the King's Commissioners that Queens County might be restored to Royal favor."[4] This petition, dated October 21, 1776, has 1293 names, "Samuel Fosdick" being one.

He and his son Samuel were in the Continental service, though it is probable that, owing to the British occupation and the existence of martial law, their movements in the vicinity of home were marked with great caution. During this time his wife proved her capability in meeting the troublous circumstances with which her home and little ones were surrounded. Oyster Bay, from its location on the Sound, on the north side of the Island, opposite the Connecticut

1. Queens Co. Rec.
2. Force's Am. Archives, 4 Ser. III., 1260.
3. Ib. IV., 372.
4. Onderdonk's Rev. Inc., 117.

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shore, occupied an exposed position during the Revolutionary period. The occupation of the region by the enemy rendered the times troublous and vexatious to householders. In addition to personal danger, there was constant liability to depredations upon property. Households were not seldom composed of women and children much of the time, and coolness and courage were often necessarily required of the inmates. In the case of this ancestor, his wife seems to have showed sterling qualities during this trying period, such as were in keeping with the times, and as so generally throughout the country, rendered the women of the households during the Revolution memorable for their bravery and devotion. When the war commenced he was wealthy, but it "ruined him as to property—from the British landing on Long Island to the close of the war there was nothing but destruction and desolation."[1] It is stated that a further cause of his shipwrecked fortune was his too great confidence in Continental money, in which money he was paid when he sold his farm.

After the death of his second wife he removed with his younger children to the farm of his son Silas, in Dutchess County, where he remained until his death. It is to be noticed that, by this removal, the family name became extinct on Long Island for several years. He took his remaining effects and property with him to his son Silas's, to whom he gave them, with the understanding that he should be taken care of during his life, and his younger children brought up. It is not known that any relics have been preserved among his descendants, with the two exceptions of his musket, (a Queen's arm) which came into the possession of his youngest son, Solomon, (by whom it was highly

1. Fam. Annals.

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prized), and is now in possession of a grandson of the latter, and a calumet or tomahawk, stamped 1769, concerning which the present owner says, that it was left with Samuel Fosdick, of Long Island to be mended, in or about 1770, that the breaking out of the Revolution left it in his hands, whence it passed into the hands of his son Silas, and from him to Solomon, and came into possession of Jesse T. Fosdick, present owner, March 1, 1880. The calumet proper, is of brass, the cutting edge of steel, indented dots on the side are supposed to show the number of scalps taken by its Indian owner, the head forms a pipebowl, and the handle the stem, it no doubt having often passed around a circle of dusky warriors as a peace offering or in smoking conclave.

He died in Dutchess County, on Silas's farm, in 1792, aged 82, suddenly, having worked in the harvest field the day before his death.[1]

THE FAMILY LIFE AND HOME IN OYSTER BAY.

There is every indication in the above that the father was industrious and prosperous in his business, happy in his domestic relations, and devoted to his work and his home. His residence in the same place from youth to old age, is in marked contrast with the wanderings of his father, with whom, notwithstanding, he seems to have been a favorite. It is probable that while his father was in Oyster Bay they lived and worked together, and that, after the son's marriage, the father formed part of his household. The family life was auspiciously begun under the encouragement and aid of his father and his wife's father, as has been shown. Its sad interruption seven years later, by the

1. Fam. Annals.

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death of his wife, leaving him with three smal motherless children, was happily brief; the accession of his second wife with her two small fatherless children, occurring a short time afterward. From this time until the Revolution, the family life seems to have flowed on uneventfully, peacefully and successfully; the father absorbed in his occupation, a quiet, perhaps a reticent man; the mother energetic and careful in her household and maternal duties; the children well brought up; the older ones, at proper ages, leaving home to provide for themselves, and the younger tenderly cared for at home.

Even through the disturbing influences of the Revolution the household was sustained, the youngest children being watched over and cherished by their mother until her death.

A descendant writes of these parents: "They had a numerous family, all of whom were remarkable for activity—never easy—always in motion, with great benevolence and kindness."[1]

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CHILDREN OF SAMUEL FOSDICK THIRD, AND THEIR DESCENDANTS.

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CHILDREN OF SAMUEL FOSDICK, THIRD.

These were—1, *SILAS*; 2, *MORRIS*; 3, *SARAH*; (by his first wife, Deborah Shadbolt), and 4, *SAMUEL*; 5, *NATHANIEL*; 6, *ANNA*; 7, *PRUDENCE*; 8, *REBECCA*; 9, *MORRIS*; 10, *THOMAS*; 11, *DEBORAH*; and 12, *SOLOMON*, (by his second wife, Mary Wright).

The second child, Morris, born May 4, 1755, died at the age of five years. He was probably named after Morris Shadbolt, grandfather of his mother. He is believed to have been the first of the family to bear the name Morris, which was afterward, however, repeatedly given to later descendants. His half brother, the ninth child, was given the same name.

Deborah, the eleventh child, was born in 1774. She never married, and died a young lady. She was amiable, kindhearted, self sacrificing, and faithful to duty. The circumstances of her life were almost pathetic. Tenderly cared for and delicately reared as a child, left motherless at the age of twelve, her home broken up while still a child, the hardships of the times compelling her employment among comparative strangers, she early succumbed to the tasks she was called upon to meet, though kindly treated and provided for by those with whom she had her home.

Silas settled in Dutchess County; Sarah married William Brown, and lived in the same County; Samuel, in Greene County; Nathaniel, in Orange County; Anna married John Valentine and lived in Queens County; Prudence married Joseph Lawrence

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and lived in Saratoga County; Rebecca married Richard Hines, and lived in New York City; Morris, in Queens County; Thomas, in Orange County; and Solomon in Erie County; all in New York State.

It was quite usual at this period for families to have an interest in and some acquaintance with sailing vessels, which were a very general and important means of travel and traffic. These were very numerous on such waterways as the Sound and the Hudson, especially the latter, (a fact fully noticed by Cooper in his "Afloat and Ashore" and his "Miles Wallingford.") Hence some liking for seamanship was apt to be developed in the boys and young men of the time, and it was natural that the sons of this ancestor should leave their home early, and be found located, in after years, in different places along or near the Hudson. The removal of the father and younger children to the home of Silas in Dutchess County also, no doubt, contributed to this result. Then, in consequence of the loss of property by the war, they were all thrown upon their own resources at an early age, and this necessity for individual and independent effort caused their permanent settlement in separate and somewhat distant localities; so that, in those days of imperfect communication, intercourse between them was not intimate or frequent, although visits were made between some of them at long intervals. Their records were thus found disconnected, and only the gratifying interest shown by most of the living representatives in learning of each other, and their consequent cordial response to inquiries, has made possible the gathering into one compilation of the records and facts next given.

NOTE. Only three of the grandsons of Samuel Fosdick, third, are known to survive: Morris Fosdick, of

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Jamaica, N. Y., son of his ninth child Morris, and John S. Fosdick of Westfield, N. Y., and Jesse T. Fosdick, of Salamanca, N. Y., sons of his twelfth child Solomon.

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SILAS FOSDICK AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

LINE OF ANCESTRY.

Gen. I., Stephen Fosdick, progenitor, 1583–1664.
Gen. II., John Fosdick, seventh ch. of Stephen, 1626–1716.
Gen. III., Samuel Fosdick first, fourth ch. of John, 1655–1700.
Gen. IV., Samuel Fosdick second, second ch. of Samuel first, 1684—after 1767.
Gen. V., Samuel Fosdick third, third ch. of Samuel second, 1710–1792.
Gen. VI., Silas Fosdick, first ch. of Samuel third.

SILAS FOSDICK, the eldest child of Samuel Fosdick, third, became a farmer. He was born in Oyster Bay, April 30, 1753. His mother, Deborah, died when he was six years old. He left Oyster Bay when young, and went eventually to Nine Partners, now Clinton, Dutchess County, N. Y., where he purchased a farm and settled before the Revolutionary war, and remained there until his death. He married Mary Hallock, daughter of Gershom and Mary Hallock, of Clinton, on October 11, 1781. She was born January 30, 1766. It was with him that his father formed his domicil on his removal from Long Island after the death of his second wife, bringing his younger children with him. His father remained with him until his death in 1792. It is not supposed that the children remained there long. His wife died April 3, 1827. He survived her eighteen years, his death occurring on March 19, 1845, on the same farm which he purchased when a young man. He commenced poor, but became wealthy, and left a considerable estate. His will, made September 23, 1843, mentions fifty acres in the Town of Vienna, in possession of his son Gershom, gives his Bible to his

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son William B., and refers to all his living children and to the heirs of his deceased son Isaac. His homestead is not specifically mentioned.

His children were: 1, ISAAC; 2, GERSHOM; 3, SILAS Jr.; 4. DEBORAH; 5, GEORGE W.; 6, SARAH; 7, MARY; 8, MORRIS; 9, PHEBE, and 10, WILLIAM B.

1. ISAAC FOSDICK, b. September 15, 1782; supposed to have settled in Goshen, New York; m. 1, Sarah Shadbolt, (a singular coincidence of name with that of his grandmother); m., 2, unknown; was killed May 9, 1834, by his horse running over a precipice; nine chn.—1, HIRAM, d. act. 27 years, s.—2, JOHN, m., killed by cars, no chn.—3, PHEBE, m. Darius Merwin 1835, d. 1836—4, CALVIN, m. 1, Salina Draper, s. d. 1837, m. 2, Laura A. Draper, s. d. 1862, rem. to Spirit Lake, Iowa, several chn., unknown—5, LUDLOW—6, MARY, m. John Briggs, four chn.; 1, unknown; 2, John; 3, Sarah, m. Peck, d. 1877; 4 Julia—7, ANN, m. Simeon Arnold, two chn.: 1, William; 2, Martha, m. Bates—8, BELINDA, m. Dutcher—9, SILAS, never m., left home on visit to sisters and never heard from after visit.

2. GERSHOM FOSDICK, b. February 1, 1786, farmer, m. Sarah Ellis, d. May 27, 1869, three chn.: —1, SAMUEL, machinist—2, RICHARD—3, JERUSHA, m. Lanning.

3. SILAS FOSDICK, Jr., b. January 28, 1788, m. Susan Davis, lived at Attica, New York, d. there January 25, 1875, six chn.—1, CLARINDA, m. Harvey Riley, six chn.; 1, Ashley, daguerrean; 2, David; 3, Harvey Jr., m., (one ch., 1, Leah Sidney); 4, Silas, farmer and drover; 5, Mary, d.; 6, George, m. Sarah Lawrence, (two chn., 1, Nelson; 2, Mina)—2, ASHLEY, m., no chn., except by adoption—3, JULIA, s.—4,

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LOUISA, d.—5, DAVIS, m., d. 1853—6, ALETTA, m. on death bed, d. 1854 in Michigan.

In 1880, his family lived in Michigan, twenty-five miles from Rochester.

4. DEBORAH FOSDICK, b. February 4, 1791, m. John S. Davis December 6, 1810, he d. September 6, 1865, s. d. April 19, 1879, at Vienna, New York, seven chn.—1, SILAS H., b. September 21, 1811, m. Lucy Bancroft, April 9, 1835, s. d. January 1882, h. d. April 5, 1891, on farm where he settled in 1830, in Vienna, eight chn.:1, John Edwin, b. January 17, 1836; 2, Matilda, b. October 22, 1837; 3, Caroline H., b. October 10, 1839; 4, Mary, b. June 25, 1842; 5, Sarah, b. June 13, 1844; 6, Charles, b. July 23, 1846; 7 Jane, b. March 1, 1849; 8 William H., b. May 16, 1853—2. STEPHEN, b. December 2, 1814, m., l. Vienna, New York, four chn.: 1, George; 2, Mary; 3, Eliza Ann; 4, Silas—3, MARY, b. November 22, 1816, m Andrew Washburn, 1834, d. June 28, 1878, six chn.: 1, Davis; 2, Jane; 3, Julie; 4, Charles; 5, Harriet; 6, Lydia—4, SARAH, b. February 9, 1819, m. Charles Mumford, 1844, d. March 2. 1850—5, HENRY, b. June 15, 1824, m., l. Mitchell County, Iowa, six chn.: 1, Nettie; 2, Clarissa A.; 3, Willis; 4, Ida; 5, Deborah; 6, Mary E.—6, JANE, b. May 7, 1829, m. Stephen Crapser, 1855, d. May 7, 1891, Vienna, New York, two chn.: 1, Mary; 2, Charles—7, HIRAM, b. November 3, 1834, m., l. Worth County, Iowa. three chn.: 1, John H.; 2, Charles; 3, Cora.

5. GEORGE W. FOSDICK, b. May 25, 1793, never m., d. January 30, 1833.

6. SARAH FOSDICK, b. July 6, 1795; m. Peter W. Griffin, 1821; their house burned 1865, and with it the fam. Bible of her fa., and record of gr. fa.; s. d. August

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30, 1871. b. b. January 9, 1795, at Clinton, New York. d. March 13, 1873; five chn.—1, MARY, b. January 12, 1825; m. 1, Osborn Wyatt, of Orange County, b. d. twenty-three years after m., was Deacon Baptist Church; 2, E. S. L. Plank, b. d. 1884; m. 3, Ebenezer Mascho; l. Elmer, Pennsylvania, five chn. all by first husband. 1, Sarah E., b. August 20, 1843, d. March 21, 1871; 2, Warren O., l. Tioga County, Pennsylvania; 3, Mary J., m., l. Elmer, Pennsylvania; 4, Abram P., l. Schuyler County, New York; 5, Olive A., l. Elmer, Pennsylvania—2, THOMAS, b. March 8, 1826, d. October 7, 1830—3, ABRAHAM P. W., b. August 15, 1827, d. May 21, 1845, s. —— 4, JANE, b. May 18, 1829, m. —— 5, SARAH, b. January 19, 1835, m. John S. Knapp, l. Elmer, Pennsylvania.

7. MARY FOSDICK, b. May 12, 1797, m. 1, Darius Covil, m. 2, Francis U. Vanzandt after 1845, d. November 5, 1883, three chn.—1, MORGAN, d. infant—2, DRUSILLA, m. 1, George Mercer, m. 2, Sylvanus Davis, m. 3. Daniel Newcome, seven chn.; 1, Morgan Mercer, m. Tompson; 2, Mary Jane Mercer, m. Reimer; 3, Louisa Mercer, m. Reimer; 4, Adaline Davis; 5, George Davis; 6, Victoria Newcome, d.; 7, Rhoda Newcome—3. PHEBE, m. Denis Delana, three chn.; 1, Nelson, m. Rebecca Harper, (one ch.: 1, Jesse); 2, Jerome; 3, Laura.

8. MORRIS FOSDICK, b. August 15, 1800, m. Elizabeth Wey, d. September 10, 1849, six chn.—1, JOHN 2, [illegible]—3, ELMIRA—4, HANNAH—5, JACOB 6, WILLIAM

9. PHEBE FOSDICK, b. November 7, 1803, d. June 12, 1808.

10. WILLIAM B. FOSDICK, b. June 20, 1807, in Clinton, New York; in 1825-6, was musician in the

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Light Infantry Company of his cousin, William Brown Jr.; went from Dutchess County in 1830; became a successful farmer at Oakland, Michigan; m. Esther Cox, s. b. January 5, 1808, d. May 1, 1891: h. d. April 16, 1886, at Oakland. An obituary notice in a local newspaper states: "He stayed with his father until he was twenty-three years old, then, in 1833, came to the Town of Oakland, Michigan, settling on the land which remained his homestead until his death. In the spring of 1835, he went to New York, and returned with his intended wife, marrying her in the fall, in the house which he built during the summer. He added to his original home some one hundred and twenty acres. In political faith he was a Jacksonian Democrat, while he professed no religious faith but that uprightness of purpose and integrity of heart, which should form a part of the religion of every man. He possessed in a high degree those qualities which go to make a kind husband and neighbor, and an affectionate father." Four chn.—1, LAURA ANN, b. December 17, 1837, m. Axford Price, November 19, 1862, l. Macomb County, Michigan, three chn.; 1, Corydon S., b. April 4, 1864, d. September 7, 1890, from injuries received on night of 6th, in a distressing railroad accident. A train which he flagged passed beyond the crossing, his signal not being seen in time. In his effort to reach it, the darkness not enabling him to see that it was backing, the rear coach struck him down, the whole train passed over his arm and shoulder, and the firebox being low carried him some distance; 2, Willie, b. June 14, 1865; 3, Oscar N., b. March 27, 1869—2, NELSON B., b. August 13, 1841, m. Emma J. Carpenter, January 22, 1874, l. on old homestead, Oakland, four chn.; 1, William C., b. October 18, 1881, d. November 1, 1881; 2, infant, b. and d. February 18,

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1883; 3, Nelson W., b. July 19, 1885; 4, Arthur, b. November 14, 1888, d. April 26, 1891—3 and 4 UNKNOWN.

Suggestion.—The ordinal issue, as stated in the line of ancestry, and as shown by the numbers in front of the names of descendants, affords a concise method of designating each descendant, thus: 1, 7 4, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1, 3, 1, designates Leah Sidney Riley, she being (reading conversely) the first ch. of third ch., (Harvey Riley, Jr.) of first ch., (Clarinda Fosdick Riley) of third ch., (Silas Fosdick, Jr.) of first ch., (Silas Fosdick) of third ch., (Samuel Fosdick third) of second ch., (Samuel Fosdick second) of fourth ch., (Samuel Fosdick first), of seventh ch. (John Fosdick) of one (Stephen Fosdick, progenitor).

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SARAH FOSDICK BROWN AND HER DESCENDANTS.

LINE OF ANCESTRY.

Gen. I., Stephen Fosdick, progenitor, 1583–1664.
Gen. II., John Fosdick, seventh ch. of Stephen, 1626–1716.
Gen. III., Samuel Fosdick first, fourth ch. of John, 1655–1700.
Gen. IV., Samuel Fosdick second, second ch. of Samuel first, 1684—after 1767.
Gen. V., Samuel Fosdick third, third ch. of Samuel second, 1710–1792.
Gen. VI., Sarah Fosdick, third ch. of Samuel third.

SARAH FOSDICK, the third child of Samuel Fosdick third, and his last child by his first wife Deborah, was born July 16, 1757, at Oyster Bay. She married *William Brown*, a farmer, near Pleasant Valley, in Dutchess County, New York, on March 16, 1785. The fact that she was the only own sister of Silas may serve to account for her marriage and location in the vicinity of his home. She probably visited him, and may have made her residence with him for a time before his marriage. She and her husband lived and died on their farm, about three miles southeast of Pleasant Valley. They were zealous members of the Presbyterian Church. Her husband was a Captain in the war of 1812; was wounded by a bullet passing through his neck, and received a pension for a few years before his death.

She died March 30, 1824. Her husband was born September 14, 1755, and died November 8, 1828.

Their children were: 1, DEBORAH; 2, JOHN; 3, THEODORUS; 4, AMY, and 5, WILLIAM Jr.

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1. DEBORAH BROWN, b. February 5, 1787; m. Martin Dubois, May 10, 1802; d. August 9, 1814; two chn.—1, JOHN, d. about 1843, in New York—2, WILLIAM, mute, l. with Charles Bostwick, Verbank, New York.

2. JOHN BROWN, b. August 23, 1788, d. October 7, 1790.

3. THEODORUS BROWN, b. February 6, 1792, in La Grange, New York, m. Sarah Smith, February 12, 1819, d. October 15, 1851, Pleasant Valley, widow, d. April 3, 1884, five chn.—1 CLARISSA W., b. December 21, 1819, m. Daniel F. Free, rem. to Troy, d. June 4, 1864, three chn.—1, Frances; 2, L. Augusta, and 3, Josephine—2 ANN MARIA, b. June 26, 1821, m. Joseph D. Mastin, January 16, 1845, four chn.: 1, George D.; 2, Alice M.; 3, Herschel, and 4, James S.—3, DEBORAH M., b. April 2, 1823, m. James Mullen, October 17, 1845, d. April 1, 1867, no ch.—4, ELIZA, b. September 12, 1825, d. August 2, 1830—5, MARY A., b. October 12, 1829, m. James Mullen, August 9, 1868, l. Poughkeepsie, N. Y., one ch.: 1, Carrie Starr, d. March 17, 1881.

4. AMY BROWN, b. September 20, 1795, m. William Velie, January 4, 1819, d. January 16, 1848, lived near her fa., two chn.—1, SARAH ELIZA, b. July 8, 1825, m. Cornelius Phillips, October 1, 1844, d. February, 1889, he d., lived Freedom Plains, New York, four ch.: 1, Emma Jane, b. March 12, 1847, m. Daniel S. Ingram, October 18, 1866, d. October 3, 1871, (one ch. 1, Charles P., b. July 24, 1869, d. February 6, 1870); 2, Josephine, b. February 11, 1849, m. John Barmore, February 11, 1873; 3, William, b. February 10, 1851, m. Ida Duncan, February 11, 1874, d. February 9, 1876; 4, Warren, b. December 3, 1853, m. Eugenia

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Baker, November 17, 1875, d., (one ch., 1, Warren C., b. October 22, 1878)—2, HANNAH MINETTA, b. November 11, 1835, m. Charles Bostwick September 12, 1860 h. b. February 10, 1834, l. Verbank, New York, two chn.: 1, William M., b. July 7, 1863; 2, George A., b. September 21, 1875.

5. WILLIAM BROWN, Jr., b. September 5, 1802, m. Freelove Davis, December 30, 1822, d. November 24, 1833; was Captain of a Light Infantry Company in 1826, in which his cousin, William B. Fosdick, son of Silas, was a musician; lived at Pleasant Valley, New York, two chn.—1, James, d. æt. 18—2, EDWARD, supposed living near Rochester.

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SAMUEL FOSDICK FOURTH AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

LINE OF ANCESTRY.

Gen. I., Stephen Fosdick, progenitor, 1583–1664.
Gen. II., John Fosdick, seventh ch. of Stephen, 1626–1716.
Gen. III., Samuel Fosdick first, fourth ch. of John, 1655–1700.
Gen. IV., Samuel Fosdick second, second ch. of Samuel first, 1681—after 1767.
Gen. V., Samuel Fosdick third, third ch. of Samuel second, 1710–1792.
Gen. VI., Samuel Fosdick fourth, fourth ch. of Samuel third.

SAMUEL FOSDICK FOURTH, the fourth child of Samuel Fosdick third, and his first child by his second wife Mary, was born December, 1760, at Oyster Bay. After leaving the Continental army, he removed from Long Island to the west part of the Town of New Baltimore, in Greene County, New York, near Coxsackie, where he became a farmer, owning a farm and living there until his death. He married Elizabeth Thorne, April 13, 1786. He was of thrifty habit and exemplary character, and they became wealthy. He also became a Quaker preacher, and it was his custom to regularly attend the Yearly Meetings of Friends, in New York City, on which occasions he visited his younger brother, Morris, at Springfield, Long Island. His grandson, Samuel T., remembers that he and his father David accompanied his grandfather on one of these visits, 1827 or 1828, and they all made an excursion to Rockaway. These yearly visits he continued to his brother's children after their parents died, making the last one in 1845, about two years before his death.

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In illustration of his own carefulness and the customs of the time, it is said that on being asked, on one of these visits, as to the expense of traveling, he replied: "Mother, I will tell thee; I had six dollars in my pocket when I left Coxsackie, and I expect to have six dollars when I arrive home." His wife died January 12, 1833, aged 63. He died January 18, 1847, aged 86, "at peace with all the world, esteemed by all that knew him, a peacemaker in fact."

His children were: 1, DEBORAH; 2, MARY; 3, HENRY C.; 4, DAVID; 5, NATHANIEL; and 6, EPENETUS.

1. DEBORAH FOSDICK, b. 1787, m. Jacob Dickinson, April 29, 1807; lived in New Baltimore until about 1825, then removed to Oneida County, New York; seven chn.—1, HENRY—2, CHARLES—3 MARY—4, JACOB—5, ANGELINE—6, SAMUEL—and 7, EZRA.

2. MARY FOSDICK, b. May 27, 1789, m. John Norbury, an Englishman, November 28, 1810. They moved to the old homestead of her father in 1837, when her brother Nathaniel left it for St. Johnsville, and her father died there at his old home. Three chn.—1, JOHN—and 2, THOMAS, both of whom studied medicine and located in New York City, and—3, A DAUGHTER, who m. Quimby, "the great bee man of Saratoga."

3. HENRY C. FOSDICK, b. August 3, 1791, m. October 30, 1817. He and Jacob Dickinson and John Norbury, as stated in the History of Greene County, p. 242, were three of the founders of the Forestville Commonwealth in 1824 or 1825, site, Lapham's Mills, Coxsackie; and on October 13, 1827, he and two others sold to John Norbury, John S. Quimby and another, a tract of 315 acres, being the whole lands

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lately occupied by the Forestville Commonwealth. He removed to Cleveland, Ohio; five chn.—1, MOSES —2, DAVID—3, EPENETUS—4, ABIGAIL—and 5, ELIZA; married.

4. DAVID FOSDICK, b. June 10, 1795, in Greene County New York; m. Rebecca Davids (dau. Jonathan and Elizabeth), of Greenville, New York, October 10, 1817; s. b. 12-3-1793; lived on his father's farm till 1824; removed to New York City; was there a few years; then bought a farm a little north and west of where his father lived; a few years after, went West to Alleghany and Cattaraugus Counties; visited his uncle Solomon about 1829; lived in Springville two years; removed to Cold Creek, Alleghany County, and died there about 1836; two chn.—1, SAMUEL THORNE, b. 10-3-1818; m. 1, Elizabeth Conine, February 20, 1839; s. d.; m. 2, Elizabeth Irwin, 1855; lived in New York City till 1858, when he removed to Chatsworth, Illinois, where he now lives; was admitted to the bar and has practiced law there about thirty-seven years; one ch.; 1, Mary, living with her fa.—2, JOHN NORBURY, named after his uncle, b. 3-21-1833; m. Nancy Eiteman; s. b. January 1, 1836; lives Fort Dodge, Iowa; five chn.; Lucy, b. November 23, 1863; 2, Kate, b. December 14, 1870; 3, Ida, b. June 13, 1872; 4, Charles, b. September 18, 1874, and 5, Clarence.

5. NATHANIEL FOSDICK, b. December 19, 1799; m. Deborah Underhill, 1819; lived on the old homestead of his father, in 1837; removed to St. Johnsville, New York; five chn.—1, ELIZABETH T., b. May 25, 1820; m. 1837; h. d.; moved to St. Johnsville with fa.—2, UNDERHILL C., b. February 17, 1823; m., worked on fa's farm 1837; two chn.; 1, Charles; 2.

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Mary—3, ERASTUS H., b. August 22, 1824; m.; carpenter; lives Pittsgrove, New Jersey; seven chn.; 1, Samuel W.; 2, Deborah; 3, Emeline; 4, Harriet E.; 5, Mary A., m. Elwood S. Sayre of Daretown, New Jersey October 12, 1888; 6, Erastus H. Jr.; and 7, William S.—4, MARY JANE, b. December 12, 1835—5, LOUISA AUGUSTA, b. July 28, 1838.

6. EPENETUS FOSDICK, b. September 22, 1802; nothing known.

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NATHANIEL FOSDICK AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

LINE OF ANCESTRY.

Gen. I., Stephen Fosdick, progenitor, 1583–1664.
Gen. II., John Fosdick, seventh ch. of Stephen 1626–1716.
Gen. III., Samuel Fosdick first, fourth ch. of John, 1655–1700.
Gen. IV., Samuel Fosdick second, second ch. of Samuel first, 1684—after 1767.
Gen. V., Samuel Fosdick third, third ch. of Samuel second, 1710–1792.
Gen. VI., Nathaniel Fosdick, fifth ch. of Samuel third.

NATHANIEL FOSDICK, the fifth child of Samuel Fosdick third, of Oyster Bay, was born in 1762, at that place; left home early; went to Nova Scotia; lived there several years; married his wife there; returned to New York with considerable money, and was at one time Keeper of the Old State Prison at Greenwich Village, then a suburb of the City, about a mile and a half north of the present Duane street; on leaving there, settled in Newburgh, Orange County; after some years removed to Western New York with his wife and youngest daughter; was a farmer there, at Ashford; about 1830 returned to Newburgh, where he died in 1835 or 1836, from paralysis, caused by an injury to his hand. He was engaged in the war, though very young, for it is stated that on one occasion when he tried to escape to see his mother, he hid himself in an old building, and when they attempted to take him prisoner he killed a Hessian soldier. It is also said that when he was about to sail for St. John's, his mother went aboard the vessel, and tried to persuade him not to go; but he persisted, and it was a matter

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of regret to him during life, for he never saw her again. During his stay in Western New York he met with his brother Solomon and family. His farming venture there was unsuccessful. He frankly stated that he could make more from his garden in Newburgh than from his whole farm in Ashford.

His wife was Rachel Moral, of Nova Scotia, whom he married in 1788. She was noted for extraordinary physical strength. She survived him, dying in 1862, aet. 98, at the residence of her son-in-law, at Clyde, Ohio.

His children were: 1, MARY; 2, JOHN; 3, ELIZA; 4, THOMAS; and 5, ANN MARIA.

1. MARY FOSDICK, b. 1790, m. 1, Chauncey Grames, at Newburg, lived at Gardentown, New York, he d. there; m. 2, John Marony, at Newburgh, he d. Cornwall; she d. at Canterbury, New York, aet. 78, at dau. Lydia Edwards's; four chn.—1, CHRISTOPHER, d. s. ch.—2, DEBORAH, m. Henry Hultz, d.—3, LYDIA, m. William Edwards, d.—4, STEPHEN, drowned.

2. JOHN FOSDICK, b. 1792, m. Sarah Cole; lived Newburgh; removed to Paterson, New Jersey; he and w. d. about 1860, at Port Jervis; eight chn.—1, GILBERT—2, RACHEL—3, SARAH—4, ANN—5, CATHARINE—6, 7, 8. UNKNOWN.

3. ELIZA FOSDICK, b. 1794; m. Zachariah Whitehead, at Newburgh; removed to Ashford, New York, and afterward to Ohio; d. in Ohio, November 20, 1869; he d. there, aet. 79; nine chn.—1, ANNA, b. 1817, m. Samuel Silvester Gardner, l. Norwalk, Ohio, six chn.: 1, Melvina, m.; 2, Elvira, m.; 3, Cinderella, m., d.; 4, Arvila, m.; 5, Eliza, m., and 6, Charles, s. — 2, RACHEL, d.—3, JANE, m. Heman Lewis, three chn.: 1, Anna; 2, Jane; and 3, Alta—4, MITCHELL, m., twelve chn.: 1, Sarah; 2, Vina; 3, Carrie; 4, Dola;

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5, Jane; 6, Carl; 7, Maggie; 8, Florence; 9, Deborah; 10, Kirk; 11, George; and 12, Mitchell—5, JOHN, m., four chn.: 1, Clarence; 2, Alice; 3, Orick; and 4, Hiram—6, WILLIAM, m., d., four chn.: 1, Charles; 2, Albert; 3, William; and 4, Frank—7, JAMES, s.—8, ANDREW, m., no chn.—9, ELIZA, m. Denslo; two chn.: 1, Dexter, and 2, Mitchell.

4. THOMAS FOSDICK, b. May 22, 1796; was carpenter and joiner; learned his trade of his uncle Solomon, at Newburgh, with whom he afterward lived for some time at Rensselaerville; "was a well behaved young man and of good appearance;" m. Hetty Plumsted, December 12, 1816; s. b. October 20, 1796; lived Crawfordtown, New York; h. d. there October 24, 1856; w. d. there July 30, 1875; ten chn.—1, NATHAN, b. 1817, Newburgh; m. Hannah A. Van Brunt, November 21, 1839; l. Big Flats, New York; seven chn.: 1, Sarah A.; 2, Mary F.; 3, Amzi L., of Port Jervis; 4, Hattie E.; 5, Nathan H. Jr.; 6, Louisa C., and 7, Carrie E.—2, CATHARINE BUELL, b. December 25, 1822, in Orange County; m. Roe C. Van Brunt, November 11, 1841; h. b. June 11, 1820, d. December 29, 1870; l. Hancock, Illinois; ten chn.: 1, Mary E., b. August 16, 1842, m. Ahiza Chambers, June 1, 1863, (three chn., names unknown); 2, Hester A., b. October 2, 1844, d.; 3, Emily C., b. March 23, 1847, d.; 4, Charles R., b. February 20, 1849, m. Lucia J. Austin, December 24, 1873, no chn.; 5, Samuel Nelson, b. June 21, 1851, m. Mary H. Maroe, October 16, 1874, (two chn. names unknown); 6, Roanna C., b. September 19, 1853, s., l. Augusta, Illinois; 7, Lanna A., b. December 8, 1855, s., l. Augusta, Illinois; 8, George F., b. June 26, 1858, m., (two chn., 1, George, and 2, Charles); 9, Ellsworth E., b. August 31, 1861,

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[illegible] and 10, Edwin Colman, b. May 16, 1864, d. January, 1890—3, DAVID, m. Emily Webb, d., three chn.: 1, John D., of Ramapo, New York, m.; 2, Ruth; and 3, Minnie—4, ANN MARIA, m. Henry Penney, in Newburgh, both d., two chn.: 1, Emma Jane, m., l. New York City; and 2, Mary Eliza, d.—5, CRAWFORD, m. Ellen Kennedy, d., two chn.: 1, Eva Dora, d. in New Orleans; and 2, William, lost one arm, probably preaching in Mexico—6, BETSEY, m. John Bryan, l. Chester, New York, six chn.: 1, William; 2, Alice; 3, Nathaniel; 4, Henry; 5, Joseph; and 6, David—7, JOSEPH P. FOSDYCK, b. February 8, 1829, in Orange County, m. Abigail McCon, February 6, 1850, l. Augusta, Illinois, eight chn.: 1, Thomas H., b. July 11, 1852, m. Mary Ringten, (1 ch., dau., name unknown); 2, Jessica, b. July 31, 1856, m. James P. Browning, (two chn., names unknown); 3, Jesse B., b. September [illegible], 1859; 4, Frances Elmeda, b. February 16, 1861; 5, Louisa May, b. February 16, 1861, m. Bartlet Thornton; 6, Elphalet P., b. October 23, 1864, m. Jennie [illegible]es, in Indiana, July 11, 1885, (one ch.; 1, Dory [illegible]; 7, Joseph R., b. April 7, 1867; and 8, Oakley J., b. November 16, 1870—8, MATILDA P., b. December 28, 1823, in New York; m. Ellis Bailey Wood; h. b. Pennsylvania, December 22, 1833, l. Augusta, Illinois, six chn.: 1, Arabella, N., b. July 29, 1860, m. C. B. Fuller, March 15, 1885; 2, Hattie Augusta, b. October 29, 1861, m. J[illegible]. Griffiths October 29, 1882; 3, Franklin E., b. April 7, 1864, m. Louisa Seward, February 26, 1890; 4, Isaac E., b. August 30, 1866; 5, Freddie W., b. February 10, 1868; and 6, Marshall B., b. October 14, 1873—9, MARY P., b. December 29, 1840, m. Giles C. Hawley, September 9, 1858, d. September 26, 1872, two chn.: 1, Sophia A., b. October 31, 1859, s.; 2, Edward H., b. July 26, 1863, s.—10, ELLEN JANE,

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m. William Young, of New York City, d., two chn.: 1, Rebecca; 2, Mary Ellen, l. New York City.

5. ANN MARIA FOSDICK, b. 1804, m. Robert Connolly, a Methodist, d. 1841, lived at Newburg, he m. 2, and first wife's mo. lived with him, four chn.—1, RACHEL, b. Newburgh, August 3, 1822; m. Albert R. Sexton, in Newburgh, January 3, 1838; h. farmer, b. 1812, d. January 22, 1876, at Wellsville, New York; s. d. Wellsville, December 24, 1889, suddenly, from apoplexy, with which she was stricken the day before on return home from shopping, up to which time she was in her usual health; was a very estimable lady; eight chn., all b. at Newburgh; 1, Albert, b. March 17, 1839, salesman, m. Jane Lowers, of New Hurly, 1858, s. b. August 10, 1834. d. February 10, 1865, Newburgh; (one ch.; 1, James, b. January 1, 1860, d. infant, March 20); 2, Ann, b. February 7, 1842, d. July 30, 1843; 3, Annie Maria, b. July 8, 1844, m. John D. Crowner, of Wellsville, December 18, 1861, h. farmer, b. August 1, 1826, in Hebron, New York, l. Wellsville, New York, (two chn.; 1, Linnie Belle, b. April 28, 1863, m. Elmer E. Matthews, September 16, 1888, l. Newburgh, h. wholesale grocer, b. Olive, New York, September 25, 1857; 2, Robert C., b. August 23, 1865, Wellsville, grocer, s. b); 4, John, b. March 14, 1847, farmer, m. Ciltha Robbins, January 1, 1873, in Wellsville, s. b. Whitesville, New York, August 6, 1839, no chn.; 5, Robert, b. October 14, 1850, painter, m. Mary V. Baker, July 4, 1878, s. b. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, July 24, 1851, (one ch., 1, Ralph M., b. Conneaut, Ohio, April 8, 1879); 6, William, b. October 20, 1853, hatter, m. Martha Offerley, May 10, 1876, s. b. Warren, Pennsylvania, May 10, 1853, (two chn., 1, May Belle, b. May 8, 1878; 2, Alice, b. July 24, 1881, at Warren); 7, George, b. October

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20, 1853, farmer, m. Martha Thomas, July 10, 1871, s. b. Scio, New York, January 6, 1854 (one ch., 1, Lorettie May, b. Scio, New York, May 28, 1872, m. Frank T. Stoneham, farmer, July 30, 1887, (two chn., 1, Frank, b. June 24, 1888; 2, Joseph, b. August 8, 1891); 3, Mary Elizabeth, b. July 13, 1856, m. Thomas J. Anderson, May 12, 1875, he baker, b. Newburgh, July 25, 1848, (two chn., 1, Albert Edward, b. June 14, 1879, Coudersport, Pennsylvania, d. August 29, 1879; 2, Charles Everttts, b. March 4, 1882, Salamanca, New York)—2, JERUSHA, d. infant, 1825—3, ROBERT, b. 1826, farmer, m. in Sandusky, Ohio, w. d. there 1865, he served in Civil War, one ch., Estella, b. Sandusky, May 3, 1856—4, EBEN DAVIS, b. 1829, m. in Iowa, served in the war, merchant, no chn.

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ANNA FOSDICK VALENTINE AND HER DESCENDANTS.

LINE OF ANCESTRY.

Gen. I., Stephen Fosdick, progenitor, 1583–1664.
Gen. II., John Fosdick, seventh ch. of Stephen, 1626–1716.
Gen. III., Samuel Fosdick first, fourth ch. of John, 1655–1700.
Gen. IV., Samuel Fosdick second, second ch. of Samuel first, 1684—after 1767.
Gen. V., Samuel Fosdick third, third ch. of Samuel second, 1710–1792.
Gen. VI., Anna Fosdick, sixth ch. of Samuel third.

ANNA FOSDICK, the sixth child of Samuel Fosdick third, was born in 1764, at Oyster Bay; married *John Valentine*, of Flushing, in Queens County, and lived at Little Neck in that Town; was a Quakeress. She was the only one of the children who did not leave Long Island, and for that reason probably did not have much intercourse with her brothers and and sisters. Her niece, Angeline, daughter of Solomon, however recollected going with her little cousin Fanny, daughter of Morris, with their parents, when they lived at Rockaway, to visit her aunt Anna Valentine, at Little Neck. It was on Sunday, and they met her on her way to meeting. Her aunt gave her a token on the occasion which is still preserved by her daughter as a memento.

For some time before her death she resided with her youngest daughter in Flushing Village. She died there on September 16, 1827.

Her children were: 1, MARY; 2, JAMES; 3, SAMUEL; 4, SUSAN; 5, ELIZA; 6, DEBORAH ANN; and 7, SARAH PRUDENCE.

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1. MARY VALENTINE, b. June 2, 1783; m. John Pugsley; lived at West Farms, New York; d. 1860; nine chn.—1, MARTHA ANN, b. October 1, 1805, m. Lounsbury, lived West Farms, d. June, 1885, eight chn.: 1, John, d.; 2, Isaac; 3, Charles, d.; 4, Martha A.; 5, Moses R.; 6, Andrew J.; 7, Paul; and 8, Virginia —2, ELMIRA, b. April 26, 1808, d.—3, HARRIET, b. February 14, 1810, d.—4, JAMES EDWARD, b. June 23, 1811, m., three chn., names unknown—5, ELIZABETH, b. January 29, 1813, m. Moses C. Rogers, June 12, 1831, d. before 1885, ten chn.: 1, Mary E. b. April 2, 1832; 2, Hester A., b. January 18, 1834; 3, Maria, b. February 7, 1836; 4, Sumner, b. November 9, 1837; 5, Charles M., b. November 20, 1839; 6, Moses C., b. October 9, 1841, 7, Agnes, b. August 7, 1843, d. 1843; 8, George, b. August 1, 1845; 9, Edward A., b. December 28, 1847; and 10, Josephine, b. July 12, 1849, d. December 23, 1863—6, JOHN VALENTINE, b. November 4, 1814, m. Harriet Downs, February 15, 1835, l. Riverhead, New York, six chn.; 1, John, b. January 15, 1836, d. February 20, 1845; 2, Mary, b. December 5, 1837; 3, Annie, b. January 3, 1840; 4, George, b. March 20, 1842; 5, Ida, b. July 25, 1844. d. October 1, 1845, and 6, Charles, b. February 6, 1847, d. November 17, 1867—7, CLARISSA, b. April 22, 1816; m. James Sloane, February 7, 1836; d. January 16, 1879; h. b. August 27, 1812, Ayrshire, Parish of Stair, Scotland; ten chn.: 1, Mary Jane, b. November 23, 1836, d. August 31, 1838; 2, George, b. February 22, 1839; 3, John Lammie, b. May 13, 1841, d. November 6, 1841; 4, James, Jr., b. September 5, 1842; 5, Euphemia Douglas, b. September 13, 1844; 6, William, b. September 26, 1846, d. September 6, 1849; 7, Andrew, b. September, 10, 1848; 8, Theophilus, b. August 18, 1852; 9, Theodore, b. August 18, 1852, d.

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August 22, 1852, and 10, Franklyn H., b. August 17, 1858—8, VALENTINE, b. February 23, 1818, d.—9, SAMUEL, b. February 23, 1818, m. Maria Downs, January 1, 1837, l. Riverhead, New York, six chn.—1, SARAH, b. April 3, 1839, d. February 1, 1874; 2, Mary A., b. June 6, 1841; 3, Ellen, b. March 1, 1845; 4, John, b. August 7, 1847; 5, Rachel, b. September, 19, 1849, and 6, Gilbert, b. November 11, 1852.

2. JAMES VALENTINE, carpenter and joiner, learned his trade in New York City; left there in 1811; went to Queensbury, New York; in 1812 went to Galen, Seneca County, New York, where he died June 5, 1822. "He was of peaceable disposition, very industrious, a good workman, and bore a good character;"[1] was married and had three children, but the names of his wife and children are unknown.

3. SAMUEL VALENTINE, m., d. August 10, 1827, five chn.—1, JOHN—2, JAMES—3, ANNA—4, CLARA—and 5, SUSAN.

4. SUSAN VALENTINE, m., 1, Madison; m. 2, Eli Mott, a soldier, in 1812 war, d. November 18, 1853, one ch.—1, ANN ELIZA MADISON.

5. ELIZA VALENTINE, m. 1, Samuel Loomis, m. 2, - —, m. 3, Gilman, d. September 15, 1873, six chn. —1, MARIA—2, JAMES—3, MARGARET—4, GEORGIANNA —5, ELIZA—and 6, ELLEN.

6. DEBORAH ANN VALENTINE, m. Edmund Smith, d. May 10, 1864, no ch.

7. SARAH PRUDENCE VALENTINE, b. January 1, 1801; m. 1, Rev. Lorenzo Stansbury, in 1826, and lived in Flushing in 1827, when her mother died; m. 2, John Becraft, in 1871, and lived at Sloatsburgh,

1. Queensbury Letter. 1812.

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New York, where she died November 14, 1882, buried in Greenwood. She was a devout Christian and a zealous member of the Methodist Church, and had more than ordinary energy and vivacity. In 1880, she visited her cousin, Fanny H. Craft, at Rockaway, whom she had not seen for a great many years. The meeting between them was regarded by both as the last, and was deeply interesting to both, and touching to those who were present. She had six chn.—1, JOHN H. STANSBURY (Rev.), b. October 16, 1827; m. Mary Jane Barber; is a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal Church, now at Bay Shore, Long Island; four chn.; 1, John Henry Jr.; 2, Joseph Lorenzo, m. Emielio Fisher, Brooklyn; 3, Robert Pettit, b. 1860, and 4, Cecelia, m. George M. Burr, of Camac, Long Island—2, CHARLES THEODORE STANSBURY, b. October 31, 1829; m. 1, Sarah Barber, s. d. July 28, 1882, in Brooklyn, buried Hempstead, Long Island; m. 2, Mrs. Alma La Rosa; four chn.; 1, Edmond G., carpenter, Jamaica, Long Island; 2, James, m. Mary Strickland, of Lawrence, Long Island; 3, Chauncey Smith, and 4, Mary Jane, m. Isaac U. Hyatt, Jamaica—3, RACHEL ANN STANSBURY, b. April 14, 1833, m. William K. Smith, l. Monroe, New York, three chn.; 1, Sarah E., m. Jeremiah T. Earl, h. d. April 18, 1891; (five chn.; 1, William S., b. December 3, 1875, at Port Jervis; 2, Theodore C., b. September 22, 1877, at Port Jervis; 3, Frank G., b. April 1, 1879, at Goshen; 4, Floyd, b. November 10, 1883, and 5, Ethel, b. March 16, 1891); 2, Fannie C., m. Theodore Weygant, Jr., of Highland Mills, May 9, 1883, (three chn.; 1, Willard B., b. October 4, 1884; 2, Ralph, b. July 13, 1888, and 3, Roxana, b. July 30, 1891); 3, Flora M.—4, CORNELIA AMANDA STANSBURY, b. August 6, 1836, m. Benjamin Sanford Bedell, Brooklyn, two chn.; 1,

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Francis Warren, and 2, Mary Emma—5, JAMES Y. STANSBURY, b. October 18, 1840, m. Eliza ——, s. b. February 19, 1839, h. d. May 10, 1888, at North Attleboro, Massachusetts, bur. there, widow l. there, four chn.; 1, Julia E., b. November 4, 1861; 2, Sandford L., b. March 31, 1877; 3, Carrie L., b. September 21, 1879, and 4, Gracie F., b. April 8, 1882, d. April 17, 1885—6, MARIA L. STANSBURY, b. July 8, 1844, m. Jacob Provost Cooke, Brooklyn, four chn.: 1, Carrie Louisa, b. May 18, 1866; 2, George Lansing, b. October 4, 1867; 3, Freddie Stansbury, d., and 4, Jennie Parker, d.

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PRUDENCE FOSDICK LAWRENCE AND HER DESCENDANTS.

LINE OF ANCESTRY.

Gen. I., Stephen Fosdick, progenitor, 1583–1664.
Gen. II., John Fosdick, seventh ch. of Stephen, 1626–1716.
Gen. III., Samuel Fosdick first, fourth ch. of John, 1655–1700.
Gen. IV., Samuel Fosdick second, second ch. of Samuel first, 1684—after 1767.
Gen. V., Samuel Fosdick third, third ch. of Samuel second, 1710–1792.
Gen. VI., Prudence Fosdick, seventh ch. of Samuel third.

PRUDENCE FOSDICK, seventh child of Samuel Fosdick third, was born February 22, 1766, at Oyster Bay; married *Joseph Lawrence*, son of Ezekiel and Zephry Lawrence, July 13, 1786; lived at Glenville, in Saratoga County, New York, four miles north of Schenectady; died there October 30, 1854; her husband was born June 3, 1765, and died July 16, 1857; both buried at Clifton Park.

Her children were: 1, JACOB; 2, ANNA; 3, RICHARD; 4, RACHEL; 5, PETER; 6, MARY; and 7, SILAS.

1. JACOB LAWRENCE, b. July 27, 1787, d. 1797.

2. ANNA LAWRENCE, b. November 20, 1789; m. her second cousin, Cornelius Lawrence, March 9, 1806; h. b. March 2, 1783, d. January 26, 1859; s. d. September 2, 1871; twelve chn.—1, MORRIS, b. January 16, 1807, m., l. at Windham Center, Pennsylvania, where he manages a farm with his grandson, Joseph, one ch.; 1, George S., b. October 5, 1833, m., d. May 21, 1882, (six chn.; 1, Alicia M., b. February 5, 1858,

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m., [one ch., 1, Edith, b. October 8, 1880]; 2, Samuel M., b. December 28, 1859, m. February 19, 1891; 3, Joseph W., b. October 26, 1861, m. October 26, 1887, [one ch., George S., b. November 1, 1890]; 4, Nellie, b. October 6, 1863, m. July 4, 1883, [one ch., dau.]; 5, Jennie V., b. April 25, 1866, m. March 24, 1887, [one ch., dau., b. January 10, 1889]; 6, Maggie, b. July 23, 1869, s.)—2, EZEKIEL, b. May 21, 1808, m.; d. from wounds received while in the service; seven chn.: 1, Ira; 2, Mary, of Waverly, New York; George, d. from wounds received in the service; 4, Margaret, m. Lyons, of Barton, New York; 5, John; 6, Ezra, of Waverly; and 7, William, of Waverly—3, BETSEY, b. March 19, 1810, m. Wright, d., one ch.; 1, Ward, d. June 19, 1875—4, RICHARD, b. January 18, 1812, m., d. March 17, 1890, four chn.: 1, William, d.; 2, F. Allen, of Waterford, New York; 3, Lorenzo, of Nichols, New York, m., (three chn.; 1, Bertie, b. 1881; 2, Jay, b. 1887; 3, Esther, b. 1889); and 4, Harriet, d.—5, WRIGHT, b. December 3, 1815, m.; l. Hornellsville, New York, nine chn.: 1, George A., of Hornellsville, New York; 2, Sarah E., m. Clark, of Clinton, Iowa; 3, John, conductor on Union Pacific Railroad; 4, Lyman; 5, Alicia, d.; 6, Albert H., of Hornellsville, New York; 7, Edward, of Hornellsville, New York; 8, Eugene, of Hornellsville, New York; and 9, Estella, of Hornellsville, New York—6, JACOB, b. November 18, 1817, m.; d. while a soldier in the service, five chn.: 1, William, d.; 2, Charles R., of Athens, Pennsylvania; 3, Elizabeth, m. Mead, of Waverly, New York; 4, Matilda, m., of Waverly, New York, and 5, James, of Waverly, New York—7, MARY ANN, b. January 3, 1820, m. Edwards, d. January, 1887, one ch.; 1, James, of North Barton, New York—8, PRUDENCE, b. February 9, 1822, m. Kuykendall, d. October 1888, four chn.: 1, Cornelius,

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of Smithboro, New York; 2, Ezra; 3, Louisa, of Flemingville, New York, and 4, Charles, d.—9, HANNAH, b. April 13, 1824, m. Claget, d., four chn.: 1, Charles F., of Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania; 2, Frank, d.; 3, Annetta, m. Stage, of Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania; and 4, Marietta, d.—10, FANNA, b. June 28, 1826, m. Fassett, l. Berkley, Pennsylvania, eleven chn.: 1, Prudence, m. Smith, Berkley, Pennsylvania; 2, Nora, m. Lindley, Leroy, Pennsylvania; 3, John; 4, Catharine, m. Lameron; 5, Arilla, m. Turnbull; 6, Emery; 7, Willard; 8, Charlotte; 9, Daniel; 10, George, and 11, Edward, all of Berkley, Pennsylvania—11, DIANA, b. February 15, 1829, m. Vandermark, d., three chn.: 1, Susan M., m. Babcock, Hooper's Valley, New York; 2, Alice, m. Dunham, d.; and 3, Frank—12, RACHEL, b. June 13, 1831, m. Dewell, of Mitchell Centre, Pennsylvania, five chn.; 1, Leonard; 2, Charles; 3, James; 4, Frank; and 5, Frederick.

3. RICHARD LAWRENCE, b. January 14, 1792, m. Sarah Davis, d. October 13, 1868, seven chn.—1, CHARLES D., of Wisconsin—2, HARRIET, m. Abram Swart, Michigan—3, PRUDENCE, m. John Walton, Glenville, New York—4, RICHARD, JR., m. Hannah Marcellus, both d., (one ch.; 1, Annie M., m. Rev. Hawley)—5, JAMES H., m.—6, MARIA, m. William Walton, Charlton, New York—7, JOSEPH, d.

4. RACHEL LAWRENCE, b. June 13, 1794, m. James Millor, d. December 20, 1845, six chn.—1, RENSSALAER, of Broadalbin, New York—2, HENRIETTA, m. Jesse Millard, both d., one ch.; 1, Andrew J., of Sioux City, Iowa—3, JAMES MADISON, of Ballston Spa, New York—4, JOSEPH, of Paw Paw, Illinois—5, JOHN, m. Mary Fryer, d., one ch.; 1, George H.—and 6, HARRIET J., m. Lewis Whitlock, New York City.

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5. PETER LAWRENCE, b. March 7, 1797; m. Margaret Robins, December 26, 1817; s. b. September 22, 1794, d. October 28, 1855; h. d. June 4, 1886, at Eaton Rapids, Michigan, five chn.—1 HANNAH, b. May 26, 1820, m. Silas Wood, two chn.; 1, Peter, and 2, Margaret—2, HARRIET, b. August 23, 1821, m. Abram Ripley, two chn.; 1, Sylvester K., and 2, Alvira—3, JANE, b. May 4, 1823, m. George W. Sheldon, no chn. —4, SILAS, b. March 19, 1825, m. Lucinda Hull, two chn.; 1, Egbert C., m., and 2, Ellen E., m.—5, MARY ADALINE, b. April 24, 1827, d. February 26, 1845.

6. MARY LAWRENCE, b. September 19, 1799, m. Daniel Millard, July 20, 1824, d. April 20, 1883, three chn.—1, RUTH, b. at East Glenville, February 28, 1825; m. Harmon T. Van Buren, August 3, 1854; d. at Burnt Hills, January 6, 1881; h. d. March 8, 1883; three chn.: 1, Millard, b. at Burnt Hills, June 28, 1855; 2, Harriet J., b. at Burnt Hills, March 3, 1857, m. Charles C. Van Vorst, November 13, 1878, at Burnt Hills, (four chn.; 1, Edna G., b. January 6, 1880; 2, Emma J., b. April 10, 1882; 3, Jessie A., b. June 21, 1884. d. September 8, 1890; and 4, Sarah, b. August 15, 1886, d. August 27, 1890), and 3, Josephine, b. October 10, 1859, at Burnt Hills—2, JOSEPH L., b. May 24, 1827, at East Glenville, New York, d. November 18, 1875, at North Hadley, Massachusetts—3, MARY A., b. August, 1839, at East Glenville, d. there May 24, 1851.

7. SILAS LAWRENCE, b. May 21, 1806, m. Eliza Brumaghim, d. November 24, 1862; s. d. January 24, 1872; no chn.; will proved February 16, 1863. His fa. and mo. lived with him when they died.

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REBECCA FOSDICK HINES AND HER DESCENDANTS.

LINE OF ANCESTRY.

Gen. I., Stephen Fosdick, progenitor, 1583–1664.
Gen. II., John Fosdick, seventh ch. of Stephen, 1626–1716.
Gen. III., Samuel Fosdick first, fourth ch. of John, 1655–1700.
Gen. IV., Samuel Fosdick second, second ch. of Samuel first, 1684—after 1767.
Gen. V., Samuel Fosdick third, third ch. of Samuel second, 1710–1792.
Gen. VI., Rebecca Fosdick, eighth ch. of Samuel third.

REBECCA FOSDICK, the eighth child of Samuel Fosdick third, of Oyster Bay, was born in 1768, at that place. She married *Richard Hines*, and they lived in New York City, and both died there on the same day, but in what year is not known. She was an affectionate sister, and a favorite with her brother Solomon, who considered that he owed his life to her care on one occasion before his marriage when he was dangerously ill with fever without hope of recovery, and left very much to himself. His sister, hearing of it, left her place of employment to nurse him. On seeing his condition she wept bitterly, and devotedly cared for him, with the result of his recovery, although the attending physician had pronounced it hopeless. After her marriage, while she was living in New York, her brother Morris, it is believed, visited her occasionally, generally bringing presents from her to his own and Solomon's girls on his return.

She left three young children: 1, RICHARD; 2, CATHARINE; and 3, ANNA.

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1. RICHARD HINES was sent to friends on Long Island; went to sea; once lived with his uncle Solomon, at Randolph, New York; is supposed to have died at Panama, New York.

Of 2, CATHARINE, and 3, ANNA, nothing is known.

See suggestion, p. 78.

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MORRIS FOSDICK AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

LINE OF ANCESTRY.

Gen. I., Stephen Fosdick, progenitor, 1583–1664.
Gen. II., John Fosdick, seventh ch. of Stephen, 1626–1716.
Gen. III., Samuel Fosdick first, fourth ch. of John, 1655–1700.
Gen. IV., Samuel Fosdick second, second ch. of Samuel first, 1684—after 1767.
Gen. V., Samuel Fosdick third, third ch. of Samuel second, 1710–1792.
Gen. VI., Morris Fosdick, ninth ch. of Samuel third.

MORRIS FOSDICK, the ninth child of Samuel Fosdick third, of Oyster Bay, was born at that place on November 21, 1770.

When ten years of age, in carrying an ax for trimming apple trees, having it upon his arm with the handle below, he fell, with the edge upon his wrist and his body upon the head, and severed his left hand at the wrist. He was attended by surgeons from the army, who, to guard against surprise, or for some other reason, were in the habit of placing their swords upon the bed where he lay, while they dressed the wrist. As incidents of their visits, it is said that they were highly displeased on one occasion when a gun was fired near the house, causing the patient to start suddenly while they were engaged with him; and that, whenever they came, the patient's little sister Debbie, and brother Solomon would run away and hide themselves through fear. This loss of his hand has been alluded to by several distant correspondents in the course of this inquiry, serving in some instances to

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confirm identity and relationship. Owing to this misfortune, special pains were taken with his education.

He was sixteen years old when the removal to Dutchess County took place. At the age of eighteen he commenced teaching, his first school being at Hamburgh, on the Hudson, where he remained six months. He then returned to his native place, Oyster Bay, and taught there until 1792, when he went to Rockaway and taught there, near a place now called Hewletts. He remained at Rockaway sixteen years; was married while living there. His brother Solomon also lived there at this time, and the two families were very intimate. In the spring of 1808, he traveled to Buffalo to see the country, with the view of settling in Western New York. He made the journey on foot, notwithstanding which his traveling companion, so to speak, was a gentleman on horseback, for although they separated during the day, they generally reached the same lodging places at night. On his return to Rockaway, his report of the Western region was so favorable that both he and his brother Solomon concluded to remove there with their families; but he was induced to engage as teacher at Springfield, and Solomon went without him. He removed from Rockaway to Springfield, September 16, 1808, and continued to teach there in the same district until his death, a period of twenty-five years. He was succeeded by his son Morris, who taught in the same district for seventeen years afterward. While he taught at Springfield, his residence was in the houses which he occupied successively as tenant, until May, 1819, when he moved into the new house he had erected for himself on the north side of the main Rockaway road (now Merrick road) and which he occupied until his death.

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His acquaintance and business relations were extensive, reaching over a large territory, and often calling him to considerable distances from home. While yet at the height of his usefulness, on one occasion he encountered a violent, cold and driving snow storm, against which he was finally unable to contend, losing his way and becoming exhausted by his efforts. Although rescued within a few hours and conveyed to his home, the effects of the cold and shock of the exposure proved fatal, and he survived only ten days. He died on March 8, 1833, and was buried in Springfield Cemetery; his widow receiving expressions of sympathy from the whole community, throughout which both were held in esteem and respect.

He was tall, portly, strong, with black eyes and hair, genial in his manner, talented and witty, and rigidly honest in all his dealings; and is said by those who were under his tuition, to have been a good disciplinarian, of good attainments, and successful as a teacher. He was also a surveyor and conveyancer, and an excellent penman withal. Many of his legal papers, and some of his maps (which it may be noticed are among the most useful and important local maps of their time) still exist, and are remarkable for clearness, accuracy, and neatness of execution. His dexterity, notwithstanding the absence of his left hand, has often been remarked upon, enabling him, among other things, to cut and shape quill pens (then exclusively used) with complete facility and skill, and to use his surveying instruments with readiness and rapidity.

He held some few local positions and offices; was appointed, in 1808, one of a committee of three to transcribe the Town records of Hempstead that were then in North Hempstead;[1] in 1810 was elected an

1. Annals Hempstead, p. 88.

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Overseer of Highways (just one hundred and seventy years after Stephen Fosdick held the same office in Charlestown)[1]; and was one of the first Justices of the Peace elected after the passage of the law in 1827, providing for the election of these officers by the people.[2] He was influential in politics, a minor incident of which was his success in defeating certain candidates for re-election as school inspectors, with whom he had had a difference upon school matters the year before.[3]

He was a member of the Masonic fraternity. The date of his admission and his rank are not positively known, because of the records of his Lodge having been burned in 1837, but his regalia is said to have been splendid in material and ornamentation, indicating some prominent position in the Order.

His wife was Jane Doughty, a Quakeress. They were married at Rockaway, August 30, 1794, by Rev. George Faitoute, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Jamaica. She was born May 10, 1765, and died at Springfield, April 27, 1837. She was daughter and third child of Jacob and Abigail Doughty, of Rockaway, and was no doubt a descendant of Elias Doughty, son of Rev. Francis Doughty, who came from Taunton to Long Island, in 1644, and of whom Thompson says: "It is believed that all families of that name in this part of the State are the descendants of this gentleman."[4] The Doughty family were Quakers, and she was of the practical and serene temperament characteristic of her sect. She was an invaluable helpmeet to her husband, and devoted, intelligent, discreet, and capable in governing her family,

1. Vide p. 24, supra.
2. Queens Co. Rec.
3. Ib.
4. Thompson's L. I., II. 70.

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upon whom her example and excellent qualities made impressions to last through life.

Their children were nine in number, namely: 1, JOHN DOUGHTY; 2, CHARLES; 3, SEAMAN; 4, FANNY HICKS; 5, SAMUEL MARTIN; 6, SOLOMON; 7, RICHARD; 8, ELIZABETH B.; and 9, MORRIS.

1. JOHN DOUGHTY FOSDICK, born at Rockaway, August 5, 1795; shoemaker; learned his trade at Jamaica, then went to New York City, where he married Catharine Brehoort, in 1817, and after about three years removed to Brushville (now Queens) Long Island, lived there four years, returned to New York; was member of the Old Police, and served on the force until 1843, when he was stricken with paralysis which left him speechless and helpless until his death; died July 10, 1844, at New York; buried at Williamsburgh; his widow married a Mills for her second husband, and died in summer of 1848; eight children—1, JOHN D. JR., b. August 2, 1818, carpenter, m. Mary Jane Foster, March 19, 1843, d. in Brooklyn, July 16, 1889, thirteen chn.: 1, Catharine Ann, b. January 14, 1844, m. George Sharkey, lives New York; 2, Frederick M., b. October 30, 1845, lives New York; 3, Eliza Ann; 4, Martha J.; 5, Letitia A.; 6, Udara J.; 7, John F.; 8, Juliet; 9, Moses; 10, Mary J.; 11, John; 12, Charles A.; and 13, an infant; all dead—2, WILLIAM, b. 1820, enlisted in United States Navy, and after an active and adventurous life, lost at sea, never m.—3, NICHOLAS, b. 1822, seaman, m. twice, lives Salt Lake City—4, SAMUEL R., b. 1825, m., w. d. 1877, he d., five chn.: 1, Sarah F.; 2, Mary E.; 3, Glorianna; 4, Alice; 5, Hannah M.; all live New York—5, GORDON, b. 1827, d. 1851, s.—6, CATHARINE A., b. 1830, m.,

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d. 1876, thirteen chn.: 1, Nicholas; 2, Charles; 3, John; 4, Sarah; and nine others, names unknown, all d.—7, CHARLES, b. 1832, m., no chn., lives New York —8, SARAH, b. 1834, m. three times, lived at Bridgeport, Connecticut, in 1860.

2. CHARLES FOSDICK, born at Rockaway, September 30, 1797; was a carpenter; lived in Jamaica; was a master of his calling, and through a long and active life, bore the respect and esteem of all; married Margaret Golder, of an old family in the locality, February 17, 1820; she born April 20, 1798, d. October 11, 1864; he died August 8, 1862; both buried Springfield; eight chn.—1, SAMUEL RICHARD, d. infant—2, ISAAC G., b. April 15, 1823, never m., lame from injuries received in boyhood, taught school in Jamaica and Springfield many years, then School Commissioner for Second District, Queens County, several terms, d. April 14, 1891—3, MORRIS C., b. July 20, 1826, m. 1, Margaret Ann Sutton, 1848, s. d. December 21, 1851, m. 2, Phebe Morrell, December 1, 1853. h. d. December 1889, eight chn.: 1, Anna Augusta, m. Benjamin R. Clayton, Jamaica; 2, Maria, d.; 3, Charles H. B., d. May 8, 1859; 4, Susan Matilda, m.; 5, Peter, d.; 6, Frances C.; 7, William C. H., m.; 8, Adrian M.—4, JEREMIAH, d. infant, November 29, 1830—5, PHEBE JANE, b. November 7, 1831, m. Christopher E. Abrams, February 4, 1851, live Springfield, seven chn.: 1, infant, d. September 14, 1852; 2, Amanda, m. David Wanser; 3, Charles; 4, Franklin A., d. December 8, 1867; 5, Edgar B.; 6, George, d. December 8, 1871, aet. 12; 7, child, d. December 4, 1871, aet. 2—6, SARAH ELIZABETH, b. June 28, 1834, m. William C. Hendrickson, October 5, 1854, live Jamaica, one ch.: 1, William D., b. July 25, 1855, m.

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Ida K. Murray, November 17, 1880, (one ch.; 1, Sarah) —7, CHARITY ANN, b. December 28, 1836, d. March 14, 1867, s.—8, CHARLES H., b. July 20, 1841, m. Margaret Sprague, November 27, 1862, lives Rockaway, seven chn.: 1, George D.; 2, Sarah, m. William Rinehart; 3, Charles B.; 4, Lulu; 5, Nettie; 6, Carrie, d. infant, February 21, 1865; 7, Lewis, d. infant, July 26, 1870.

3. SEAMAN FOSDICK, born September 16, 1799, at Rockaway; was a shoemaker and farmer; lived at Springfield; was Town Trustee and Justice of the Peace; married 1, Aletty Nostrand, daughter of John, April 21, 1821; she died August, 1854, bur. Springfield; m. 2, Eliza Bennet, wid. of John B., February 24, 1856; he died September 26, 1874, with a record of scrupulous integrity in business, and conscientious discharge of his public trusts; wid. d. May 22, 1890; three chn., all by first wife—1, WILLIAM B., b. June 13, 1822, m. Hannah Henderson, November 30, 1842, d. August 15, 1866; s. m. 2, Preston, 1873; four chn.: 1, H. Elizabeth, b. February 20, 1844, m. John H. Stoney, February 18, 1862, (four chn.; 1, William; 2, Henrietta, d. infant, October 26, 1866; 3, Sarah; 4, John); 2, Catharine A., b. September 22, 1847, m. Evert V. W. Shaw, September 21, 1870, (two chn.; 1, Eva, and 2, Sarah); 3, William H., b. March 11, 1851, m. Emeline E. Spirling, July 9, 1873, (one ch., name unknown); and 4, Mary Emma, b. June 4, 1859, d. November 8, 1860; all live in Brooklyn—2, ELIZABETH N., b. February 25, 1824, m. Abraham Buttis Higbie, d. August 18, 1858, no chn.—3, STEPHEN M., m. Susan Valentine; soldier in last war; enlisted 1862; wounded; d. June 8, 1864 from his wounds, lingering several months from paralysis, after being brought home from the army; four chn.: 1, d. infant, July 29, 1860; 2,

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James Leonard, b. 1858, d. October 10, 1890, never m.; 3, George Seaman, b. 1860, m. Elizabeth Pottinger, (two chn.: 1, George Morris, b. 1887, and 2, Katie, b. 1888); and 4, Mary Elizabeth, b. 1862, m. William Finley, (two chn.; 1, Susan F., b. 1882, and 2, William, b. 1885); all live Springfield.

4. FANNY HICKS FOSDICK, born October 16, 1801, at Rockaway; married Gilbert D. Craft of that place, on June 15, 1826; both resided there till death; he was one of the old family of that name noted for longevity, frugality and thrift; was in early life a seaman, but later a farmer; she was exemplary in character and disposition, a cheerful and discreet counselor, devoted to her family, full of interest for the welfare of those with whom she was connected, and under affliction, and in the suffering of her closing days, exhibited the patience, serenity and fortitude of a noble character. She died, after a lingering illness, August 13, 1882; her husband on September 12, 1890; both buried at Rockaway; six chn.—1, CHARLES, b. October 31, 1827, m. Mary Jane Abrams, December 7, 1856, he and his brother Alfred were engaged in the coasting trade, and were both lost at sea, off Little Egg Harbor, in a terrific gale and snow storm, January 23, 1871. They were on the schooner, Alfred Hall, bound from Virginia to New York, with oysters. She struck the bar in trying to make the harbor. When she struck, the schooner, Mary C. Elliott, which had also struck, was very near, and her Captain had gone for assistance. In the afternoon he returned with the lifeboat of the station, whose crew rescued the crew of the Elliot (whose mate makes the statement), after which they came back to the bar with the lifeboat, to aid the crew of the Hall; but the Captain of the Hall,

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thinking he could save his vessel at high water, declined their offer of assistance, thanking the lifeboat crew for their kindness. The gale increased, and at night the Hall went down with all on board. Both he and his brother were industrious and intelligent, and excellent seamen, and the sad news caused deep regret in the community in which they lived. His widow lives at Rockaway; eight chn.: 1, Eleanor, m. Samuel Doughty Abrams, Jr., (two chn.; 1, Lillie, and 2, Samuel D.); 2, Sidney, d.; 3, Morris F., a town officer, m. Minerva Abrams, (two chn.; 1, Bertha, and 2, Fanny); 4, Adelia, m. Warren Whaley; 5, Fanny, d.; 6, Willet, m. Minnie Emma Fenn, (two chn.; 1, Charles T., and 2, Morris B.); 7, Mary L., m. Franklin E. Smith, (one ch.; 1, Elbert F.); and 8, Susan J.—2, ANN, b. March 31, 1830, s.—3, ALFRED, b. April 26, 1833, lost at sea with brother Charles, January 23, 1871, never m.—4, EDWIN L., b. July 30, 1836, m. Phebe Jane Coles, October 7, 1862, eight chn.: 1, Sherman, m., lives Spring Lake, Cayuga Lake, New York; 2, Caroline, m. Henry Knapp, of Worcester, Massachusetts, lives Rockaway Beach; 3, Alfred, m. Mary ——; 4, Laura; 5, Gilbert; 6, Homer; 7 and 8, d.—5, SUSAN, b. November 20, 1838, m. Charles U. Combes, Captain New York Police, February 8, 1857, h. d. February 12, 1884, New York, one ch.: 1, Frank C. Combes, graduate Mount Washington Collegiate Institute, 1879, entered Bellevue Hospital Medical College, 1879, graduated 1883, lives New York City, practising physician and lecturer in Nose and Throat Department in New York Post Graduate Medical College, m. Marie L. Capel, dau. Emile and Maria L. Capel, (one ch.; 1, Edith)—6, CAROLINE, b. June 28, 1842, m. Lewis S. Brower, December 28, 1862, h. d.

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July 14, 1872, one ch.; 1, Annie Lewis, m. Albert Smith, (one ch.); all live Rockaway.

5. SAMUEL MARTIN FOSDICK, b. November 15, 1803, d. October 17, 1817.

6. SOLOMON FOSDICK, born January 29, 1806, learned trade of tobacconist at Brushville, Long Island, afterward a potter, and lived in New York City, m. Sarah M. Grover of Boston, December 23, 1840, s. d. 1851, h. d. September 25, 1856, bur. Springfield, two chn.—1, MARY JANE, b November 5, 1841, m. Benjamin McCullum, lives Croton Falls, New York, no chn.—2, ALEXANDER S., b. June 11, 1844, after death of his father became an inmate of the household of his uncle Morris in Jamaica, enlisted in the late war, in the One Hundred and Sixty-Fifth New York Volunteers, Duryee's Zouaves; was promoted to Sergeant; wounded in the attack on Port Hudson, May 27, 1863, while acting as a General Guide; was sent with other wounded soldiers to New Orleans, and thence to New York; arrived at Brooklyn, July 31, 1863, on the United States Transport Matanzas; was unconscious at the time of his arrival, and died on the vessel a few hours after. He was brave and self-sacrificing, and of a most amiable disposition and excellent character. His impressive obsequies were attended by a large concourse, who paid their tribute of respect not only because of his patriotic death, but also because of his worthy and beautiful life.

7. RICHARD FOSDICK, born June 1, 1808, d. October 16, 1817, Springfield.

8. ELIZABETH B FOSDICK, born February 27, 1811, m. 1, William Bennett, h. b. February 4, 1800, d. November 20, 1853; m. 2, John Langdon; she died at Pearsalls, Long Island, January 10, 1871; she was

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a member of the Methodist Church, and lived an exemplary life; three chn.; all by first husband—1, MARGARET A., b. September 20, 1834, m. William G. Fox, d. May 20, 1856, no chn.—2, GEORGE R., b. November 19, 1835; m. Esther Hirst, dau. of John, June 3, 1857; enlisted in Federal Army, October, 1861; became Second Lieutenant December, 1861; Captain, August, 1862; honorably discharged December 10, 1864; after which he held local offices in Jamaica until 1877, when he removed to Florida, where he died June 12, 1891; widow lives in Florida; three chn.; 1, George R., b. May 27, 1858, d. June 3, 1865; 2, Thomas Franklyn, b. December 8, 1861, lives Jamaica; 3, Lucy Estelle, b. March 8, 1868, m., lives Florida.—3, THOMAS ALLEN, b. August 23, 1838, m. Isabelle ——, s. d. 1879, h. d. December 14, 1873, lived in New York, five chn.; 1, d. inft. 1865; 2, Elizabeth; 3, Laura; 4, George; and 5, John, b. 1871, d. 1873.

9. MORRIS FOSDICK, (Hon.), youngest child of Morris-Fosdick and Jane Doughty, b. at Springfield November 7, 1814; lived there until January, 1850, when he removed to Jamaica village, where he has since resided; teacher and surveyor by profession; in May, 1833, became the successor of his father in the Springfield school, taught there till December, 1849; appointed Commissioner of Deeds October 6, 1838; elected Justice of the Peace April, 1841, for four years from January 1, 1842, re-elected in 1845, and again in 1849 but did not qualify; appointed a Judge of Common Pleas of Queens County and commissioned by Governor Silas Wright, March 25, 1846; served until 1849; County Judge and Surrogate January 1, 1850 to January 1, 1858, when the offices were separated; Surrogate January 1, 1858 to December

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31, 1865; member Board of Education 1857 to 1866; Trustee of Union Hall; Treasurer of Jamaica Savings Bank from its organization in 1866 to present time; proficient in the law, but repeatedly declining admission to the bar; since his retirement from public life, busily engaged in the management of estates and of the business affairs of a large clientage, and attends daily at his office where his two sons and a grandson are also engaged.

He was married to Catharine Jane Baylis of Springfield, October 26, 1836, at that place, by Rev. Elias W. Crane, pastor First Presbyterian Church, Jamaica. She was b. November 4, 1817, is dau. of John and Mary Baylis, and a lineal descendant of Elias Baylis (the line being 1 Elias, 2 Ephraim, 3 Ephraim, 4 John, and 5 Catharine J.) who was chairman of the Jamaica committee acting in concert with the Continental Congress during the Revolutionary War, and of whom the following notice appears in Onderdonk's Revolutionary Incidents, p. 107:

"The day after Woodhull's capture (August 29, 1776) Elias Baylis, chairman of the Jamaica committee, was walking over to Nathaniel Smith's, at the one mile Mill, to hear the news, when he was arrested by a neighbor, who wished to do something to ingratiate himself with the British. When the venerable man, blind as he was, was brought before the British officer at Jamaica, he exclaimed in surprise, 'Why do you bring this man here? He's blind; he can do no harm.' The unfeeling wretch who had informed against him, replied: 'He's blind, but he can talk.' Baylis did not attempt to conciliate the officer, but unfortunately dropped a few words in vindication of the American cause. This was enough. He was shut up in the Presbyterian Church that night, and next

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day carried to the prison at New Utrecht. He was subsequently removed to the Provost in New York. Daniel Duryee (afterwards Assemblyman), Wm. Furman, Wm. Creed, and two others, were put in one pew in New Utrecht church. Baylis wanted them to get the Bible out of the pulpit and read to him. They feared to do it, but led the blind man to the pulpit steps. As he returned with it, a British guard met him, beat him violently, and took away the book. They were three weeks at New Utrecht, and then marched down to the prison ship.

"Elias Baylis was an elder of the Presbyterian Church, and stood high in the community for uprightness and ability. He had a sweet voice, and could sing whole psalms and hymns from memory; it will not be surprising then to find him beguiling his dreary imprisonment in singing, among others, the 142d Psalm. * * *

"The aged man was visited in prison by his wife and daughter. After a confinement of about two months, at the intercession of his friends, he was released, barely in time to breathe his last without a prison's walls. He died in crossing the ferry with his daughter."

In connection with him it may be noted that in the same Church in which he was an elder, one of his descendants is an elder, another a deacon, and another a trustee, at the present time, two of them being included in this record.

Judge Fosdick and his wife are also members of the same Church, the Presbyterian in Jamaica Village, and live in that Village, where their surviving children and descendants also reside; six chn.—1, LEWIS L., b. July 21, 1837, at Springfield; prepared for College at Union Hall Academy, Jamaica, under John N. Brinckerhoff, A. M., Principal; graduate New York City

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University, 1858; studied law in office of Judge Armstrong, in Jamaica; admitted to bar, 1860; partner with Judge Armstrong (firm Armstrong & Fosdick) from 1861, till death of Judge Armstrong, in 1886; admitted United States Courts 1887; Trustee Village, 1871 to 1873; member Board of Education, 1875 to 1884; Trustee Union Hall; Secretary Jamaica Savings Bank, since 1874; m. 1, Julia Emma Bennet, August 29, 1861, by Rev. P. D. Oakey, Pastor Presbyterian Church Jamaica. (Her fa., William, was son of Cornelius, who m. Anne Betts, and was descendant of Cornelius, who settled from Holland, at Gowanus, Brooklyn, in 1654. Her gr. mo. Anne Betts was dau. of William Betts who was officer in Revolution, and prisoner two years in old Dutch Church, New York, and whose wife Anne Warner, was dau. of William, son of John Warner, an Episcopalian, who settled from England, on the Hudson River, where Forrest Castle now is, and built a house where the Catholic institution now stands. Her mother, Elizabeth Rogers, was a descendant of Richard Platt, of Huntington, the line being: 1, Richard; 2, Isaac; 3, Jonas; 4, Isaac; 5, Obadiah; 6, Sarah, m. Jesse Rogers; and 7, Elizabeth Rogers, m. William Bennet). She died April 27, 1873, in Jamaica, bur. Springfield. He m. 2, Mary Eloise Terry, June 20, 1878, at her gr. fa's, Riverhead, by Rev. W. J. Chalmers, Pastor Congregational Church, Riverhead. (Her fa., Oliver A. Terry, was descendant of the Terrys, original settlers in Southold, Long Island, and her mo., Charlotte Fleet Conklin, was descendant of Richard Platt, of Huntington above mentioned, the line being: 5, Obadiah Platt; 6, Esther, m. Stephen Fleet; 7, Mary Esther Fleet, m. Silas Titus Conklin; 8, Charlotte Fleet Conklin, m. Oliver A. Terry). Three chn., all by first wife: 1,

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Morris M., b. November 25, 1862, Jamaica, s., searcher, conveyancer, bank clerk and bookkeeper, Trustee Presbyterian Church; 2, Elbert E., b. January 16, 1865, d. September 26, 1865; 3, Ella Louisa, b. September 18, 1867, m. William H. Mills, son of Charles and Sarah, of the Mills family, of Suffolk County, June 12, 1889, at Jamaica, by Rev. Lewis Lampman, Pastor High Street Presbyterian Church, Newark, former Pastor First Presbyterian Church Jamaica, no chn.—2, FANNY CRAFT, b. November 24, 1843, at Springfield; m. George Lyman Peck, September 18, 1864, at Jamaica, by Rev. P. D. Oakey, Pastor First Presbyterian Church; he son of William A. and Lucretia Peck, and descendant of Governor Leete, of Connecticut, (the line being; 1, Governor William Leete; 2, Hon. Andrew Leete; 3, William; 4, Solomon; 5, Pharez; 6, George; 7, Lucretia, m. William A. Peck, and 8, George Lyman), he druggist, ex-Trustee Village, Trustee Presbyterian Church, Trustee Jamaica Savings Bank; she died December 15, 1875, Jamaica; bur. Springfield; five chn.: 1, Catharine Lucretia, b. June 30, 1865, d. May 7, 1874; 2, Sherman Fosdick, b. August 9, 1867, d. July 11, 1873; 3, George Leete, b. August 3, 1870, now student in Yale College; 4, Fanny C., b. October 18, 1872, graduate Miss Cady's Seminary, New Haven, June, 1891; and 5, William Morris, b. December 9, 1875, d. July 22, 1876—3, MARY JANE, b. September 21, 1850, d. August 31, 1851—4, CAROLINE BAYLIS, b. February 19, 1853, m. Frank W. Gale, son of Hon. Moses D. and Adelia, of New York, January 8, 1885, by Rev. Lewis Lampman, Pastor Presbyterian Church, Jamaica, no chn.—5, JOHN BAYLIS, b. November 11, 1855, m. Leonora G. Remsen, dau. Isaac B. and Jane, of old families in the locality, November 22, 1877, by Rev. J. V. Saunders,

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Pastor Methodist Episcopal Church, Jamaica. Their marriage was the first in the present Methodist Episcopal Church, of Jamaica, which had just been dedicated; surveyor, searcher, conveyancer, Trustee of Village and of Town; four chn.: 1, Carrie Estelle, b. January 18, 1880; 2, John Sheldon, b. May 8, 1881; 3, Lewis R, b. July 29, 1884; and 4, Leonora R., b. October 27, 1890—6, Morris Le ~~Gross~~ Roy, b. March 5, 1861, d. October 31, 1861.

See Suggestion, p. 76.

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THOMAS FOSDICK AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

LINE OF ANCESTRY.

Gen. I., Stephen Fosdick, progenitor, 1583–1664.
Gen. II., John Fosdick, seventh ch. of Stephen 1626–1716.
Gen. III., Samuel Fosdick first, fourth ch. of John, 1655–1700.
Gen. IV., Samuel Fosdick second, second ch. of Samuel first, 1684—after 1767.
Gen. V., Samuel Fosdick third, third ch. of Samuel second, 1710–1792.
Gen. VI., Thomas Fosdick, tenth ch. of Samuel third.

THOMAS FOSDICK, the tenth child of Samuel Fosdick, Jr., of Oyster Bay, was born in 1772, and was therefore about fourteen when he went with his father to Dutchess County. He probably remained there only a short time. He married, had one child, and died young. His wife's name is not known. His death occurred at his brother Nathaniel's, whose wife gave this account of it. On the occasion of some public meeting or celebration where a company of young men was assembled and tests of strength were being had, he attempted to raise a large anchor which not many could lift from the ground. He raised it to his knees, but as he did so was seized with hemorrhage. He was taken to his brother Nathaniel's and it was checked for a time, but in the night it was renewed, and he died soon after, about twelve hours after he was taken. This was before 1798. His wife died previously.

His child was named HANNAH. She was brought up in the family of a Quaker, named Foster, married William Harper, and lived in Ulster County about twenty-five years ago. Nothing further known.

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SOLOMON FOSDICK AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

LINE OF ANCESTRY.

Gen. I., Stephen Fosdick, progenitor, 1583–1664.
Gen. II., John Fosdick, seventh ch. of Stephen, 1626–1716.
Gen. III., Samuel Fosdick first, fourth ch. of John. 1655–1700.
Gen. IV., Samuel Fosdick second, second ch. of Samuel first. 1684—after 1767.
Gen. V., Samuel Fosdick third, third ch. of Samuel second. 1710–1792.
Gen. VI., Solomon Fosdick twelfth ch. of Samuel third.

SOLOMON FOSDICK, the twelfth and youngest child of Samuel Fosdick third, was born April 8, 1776, at Oyster Bay; christened there by an Episcopal minister; lived there until after his mother's death, which occurred when he was ten years of age; accompanied his father when he removed to Dutchess County; learned the trade of a carpenter and joiner; was probably near and may have lived with his brother Samuel in New Baltimore when he married.

He married Anna Thorne April 8, 1798, at New Baltimore on Coeymans Patent, at the house of Abraham Potts. She was born at North Castle, Westchester County, March 2, 1777. She was granddaughter of Stevenson Thorne and Prudence Merritt, his wife, of Westchester Co. Her parents removed from there to Coeymans Patent in 1789. Her father died when she was sixteen. The family of her father and that of Samuel Fosdick of New Baltimore were intimate. She may have been related to Samuel's wife, who bore the same family name. Her family are understood to have been Quakers.

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Soon after his marriage he lived at Newburgh, removed to Rockaway in 1803, remained there until the spring of 1808, when he went to Amsterdam, New York, after three years removed to Rensselaerville, in the fall of 1819 removed to Boston, Erie County, New York, where he remained the rest of his life.

He was very proud of his mother, with whom he was a pet and companion, his sister Debbie being his associate. He took pleasure, in his family, in talking over recollections of his childhood life in Oyster Bay and of his brothers and sisters. Owing to his own early orphanage he was always very sympathetic and kind toward orphan children. He availed himself of the opportunities afforded him by his various changes of residence of learning of the members of his father's family, and his interest in them was happily supplemented by the interest taken in such matters by his children, the daughter of one of whom says: "Grandmother and her older girls had a way of keeping some little thing and using it as a memento to illustrate stories of eastern relations. In winter nights, in their log cabin, my parents were often talking of eastern friends and relations." There are yet preserved among some of his descendants many of the gifts to his wife and daughters from his brothers and others. One instance is: About eighty-five years ago Morris gave to his sister-in-law, Solomon's wife, a beautiful necklace of beads which she wore until her death, more than fifty years; they were then divided among her older daughters, one of whom wore her portion of them until her death, when her daughter came into possession of them, and, in 1880, gave some of them to the writer, a grandson of the original donor of the gift seventy-five years before.

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He was young when his father took him to Dutchess County, had been tenderly reared, left there young, made his way in life himself encountered the hardships and privations incident to self-support in a comparatively new country, and having been at one time a sailor, and at another a farmer, and again following his occupation as carpenter and joiner, finally removed his family to the West, the females, children, and goods being in a covered wagon, and he and his eldest son Samuel attending on foot, Samuel carrying the gun of his grandfather referred to on a previous page, after the tedious journey of three weeks, settling and becoming a pioneer in a new, unsettled country,* there, by industry and self-denial, to meet with sufficient success, and to rear a family inured to the discomforts of pioneer life and splendidly endowed with the independence, self-reliance, and sterling qualities of character which such a life educes and develops. A son writes: "My father came to Western New York in 1819, when it was the frontier, and we have all known what such a life was, but as a family we struggled against poverty and ignorance, until it is with some degree of pride that I review our record."

He died in Boston, Erie County, New York, February 11, 1838. His funeral sermon was from II Cor. 5:15. His wife died August 8, 1858. Monuments to both are erected in Boston.

His children were nine in number: 1, SAMUEL; 2, ANGELINE; 3, PRUDENCE; 4, MORRIS; 5, ALICE HERMION PELHAM; 6, ELIZABETH GURNEY; 7, MARY THORNE; 8, JOHN SPENCER, and 9, JESSE THORNE.

*In 1807 one log house was the only building on the site of the present City of Rochester.

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1. SAMUEL FOSDICK, b. March 8, 1799, at Newburgh; when a lad went to Albany, and was for a time in the store of Job Gould, merchant; afterward learned his father's trade and became a carpenter; m. 1, Caroline Humphreys, at Boston, New York, 1823; she b. May 17, 1807, d. April 27, 1858; m. 2, Sarah Carson, 1860; he died 1868, at Youngstown, New York, five chn.—1, SAMUEL WARREN, b. August 2, 1824, d. September 15, 1843, at Youngstown—2, SARAH ANN, m. Alfred B. Ellsworth; he teacher, d. February 4, 1881; she lived Buffalo, 1882; several chn.: 1, Mary, b. 1850, teacher; m. Dr. Wyckoff; lived Buffalo, 1882, (two chn. unknown); 2, John b. 1857; 3, Alfred; others unknown—3, HIRAM Y., b. 1825; Cashier State Bank of Randolph, twenty years; in 1882, became Cashier Salamanca National Bank; Democratic candidate for County Clerk, 1882; m. Helen Windsor; no chn.—4, MARY LUCINDA, b. 1827, d. 1829—5, DORA, b. 1861, lives with her uncle, John S. Fosdick, at Westfield.

2. ANGELINE FOSDICK, b. February 19, 1810, Newburgh; m. Nicholas Bonsteel, February 28, 1830, at East Otto, New York; he b. August 24, 1797, d. September 22, 1877; she d. January 21, 1875, at Great Valley, New York; four chn.—1, EDWIN, m. Eliza A. Rowland, lives Great Valley, farmer, four chn.; 1, Arthur Ulysses; 2, Ernest Lynn; 3, Orrin Squire; 4, Dora Luella—2, URSULA COURTNEY, m. William Bonsteel, lives Great Valley, interested in the family history, and communicated much valued information for this record—3, MORRIS FOSDICK, farmer, s., lives Great Valley—4, ALMON SPENCER, (Dr.), b. July 12, 1838; m. Mary Emma Eaton, December 12, 1865; physician at Corry, Pennsylvania, where he died, November 23,

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1887; was prominent in his profession, delighted in literary pursuits, not unskilled in poetry; member of the School Board, and held a high position in the Masonic fraternity. His position and the esteem in which he was held are indicated by the resolutions passed at his death, one of those of the medical profession of Corry being, "Resolved that in the death of Dr. Bousteel, the medical profession of the City of Corry, as well as all lovers of sound learning, literature, philanthropy, indeed of all that elevates and humanizes mankind, and the whole community in which he lived, have parted with one who in every sphere in which he moved was a bright and shining light," and one of those of the School Board being: "Resolved, that by his death society has been deprived of an exemplary member, whose integrity in all business affairs, whose high sense of honor, moral purity in all the relations of life, justly inspired the confidence and commanded the respect of all who knew him, and among those who knew him best was he most admired. As a man he was honored and respected; as a physician eminent, ever willing to sacrifice himself for the welfare of those he served."[1] Four chn.: 1, Ray Livingston, b. January 1, 1870; 2, Lottie May, b. February 11, 1872; 3, Morris Courtney, b. February 11, 1872; and 4, Mary Emma, b. March 24, 1877.

3. PRUDENCE FOSDICK, b. December 13, 1803, at Rockaway, Long Island, m. Joseph Alger, at Boston, New York, 1821, d. 1848, five chn.—1, FANNY P., b. 1823, m. Mortimer Adams, two chn.: 1, Emma, b. 1847, m. George Velzey, h. d. 1882, (two chn.; 1, Clara Adams, b. 1870, and 2, George b. 1872); 2, Clara, m. —2, MARY ANN, b. 1827, m. Anson Oatman, d. January 2, 1890, at Boston, New York, four chn.: 1, Morris,

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m. twice; 2, Eva, b. 1858, teacher; 3, Delos, and 4, May, b. 1865—3, MIRANDA, d. aet. 3—4, ROLLIN, b. 1833, m. Harriet Edmunds, Boston, New York, three chn.: 1, Fanny, b. 1860; 2, Francis, b. 1862, m. Chase; and 3, Eva, b. 1866—5, MIRANDA, b. 1837, m. Steele, one ch.: 1, Jennie, b. 1860, d. 1875.

4. MORRIS FOSDICK, b. December 9, 1804, at Rockaway, never m., d. February 3, 1872, at Springville, New York; learned the trade of shoemaker, tanner and currier, of Hatch & Alger, in Boston; worked in Buffalo and Wales; was partner in business with Griffin Swain, of Otto, for several years; when academy was first opened, sold out his interest in the tannery business, and became a student; entered law office of Elisha Mack; taught school several winters; admitted to bar in 1838; practised law in Springville until his death; was twice elected Justice of the Peace; in 1857 was elected Supervisor, and became Chairman of the Board. "His fidelity to official trusts was proverbial, but not less so than was his faithfulness to private interests entrusted to his care and keeping."[1] He had paid some attention to the family genealogy, especially that of his mother's (the Thorne) family; and his manuscript statement was being transmitted to the compiler of the present record, when the mail car containing it was burned, and its contents destroyed.

5. ALICE HERMION PELHAM FOSDICK, b. June 21, 1807, at Rockaway, Long Island; was named after Alice Bannister of that place, a gift from whom is still preserved; m. Stillman Andrews, 1825, at Springville, New York; he carpenter, d. 1859; she d. 1888, at Jamestown, New York; three chn.—1, ANNA LOVE, b. October 21, 1827, m. Hosea Ballou, h. b.

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January 9, 1825, d., s. d. 1867, six chn.: 1, Florence Adelia, b. March 29, 1847, m. William H. Thompson, October 6, 1866, (two chn.: 1, Dora; 2, Flora Belle, both d. chn.); 2, Charles H., b. June 28, 1849, d. November 18, 1860; 3, Hubert C., b. August 28, 1854, R. R.; 4, Paul H., b. February 21, 1859; 5, Alice J., b. December 5, 1862; 6, Grant C., b. October 14, 1854—2, ADDISON DENIS, b. November 10, 1829, m. Adaline Searle; served in the army through the war; lives North Dakota; three chn.: 1, Almeda L., b. December 15, 1856, m. Louis Bunker, (one ch.; 1, Margery); 2, Albert L., b. July 18, 1858, d. March 9, 1864; 3, Arthur, b. February 17, 1862—3, STELLA AUGUSTA, lives Jamestown.

6. ELIZABETH GURNEY FOSDICK, b. May 1, 1809, at Amsterdam, New York; m. Camden C. Lake, carpenter, March 1, 1832, at Springville, d. November 19, 1874, at Springville, h. d. January 12, 1878, æt. 75, three chn.—1, LAURETTA N., b. April 24, 1833, at Springville, m. Asa R. Taber, August 27, 1857, h. b. July 2, 1833, at New Bedford, one ch., d. inft.—2, WALTER P., b. February 23, 1835, d. March 11, 1835.—3, HIRAM H., b. October 2, 1842, d. September 1, 1855.

7. MARY THORNE FOSDICK, b. July 4, 1811, at Rensselaerville, New York; m. James Getty July 4, 1833, at Springville; he b. Troy, October 28, 1803, enlisted in Union Army, wounded at Fort Donelson and discharged, went to Helena, Arkansas, acquired a competence and d. there August, 1864; she d. January 16, 1891, at Hamburgh, New York; six chn.—1, GEORGE W., b. November 6, 1834, m, lives East Hamburgh, one ch., 1 Mary, m. Colwell, lives Buffalo.—2, LAVANT W., b. August 12, 1837, m., d. August 23, 1878, at Jackson, Tennessee, no ch.—3, WILLIAM WALLACE,

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b. September 29, 1839, m. Sarah Jane Sauerwine, farmer, lives N. Kingsville, Ohio, five chn.: 1, Nell Euphoena; 2. Guy Elmer; 3, Florence May; 4, Jesse Warren; and 5, Isadora Cornelia.—4. LOUISA E., b. September 7, 1842, m. Abram Coon, September 2, 1860, lives E. Hamburgh, six chn.: 1, Charles Elmer, b. October 27, 1861, d. February 27, 1868; 2, George Frederick, b. August 27, 1863, d. January 27, 1870; 3, Willis Eugene, b. 1870; 4, Mary Maud, b. 1873; 5, Charles Abram, b. December 11, 1874, d. March 2, 1875; and 6, Iva May, b. 1876.—5. MARY CORNELIA, b. December 17, 1844, d. August 17, 1854.—6. NATHANIEL N., b. February 11, 1847, m., no chn., lives Erie, Pa.

8. JOHN SPENCER FOSDICK, b. March 3, 1817, at Rensselaerville; learned his father's trade, but became a teacher by profession; commenced teaching in 1833, taught in winter, worked at trade in summer, until 1839, when he made teaching his exclusive employment; was in Buffalo twenty-eight years; left for larger salary to take charge of Academy and Union School at Westfield, New York, and remained in charge until July, 1878, when he relinquished teaching, and has since given his whole attention to his farm; while in Buffalo was a Deacon and lay preacher in Baptist Church; lives Westfield, New York; m. 1, Eunice Andrews at Brimfield, Massachusetts, November 16, 1841; s. d. September 7, 1843; m. 2, Mary E. Blain, dau. of Reverend J. Blain, of Buffalo, July 3, 1845; four chn.:—1. CHARLES A., b. September 6, 1842, m. Sarah E. Stoddard at Villa Ridge, Ill.; a successful author of books for boys under *nom de plume* of "Harry Castlemon," (Porter and Coates, Philadelphia, publishers); two chn.: 1. John S.; and 2,——.

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—2. WILLIAM MORRIS, b. 1849, d. 1850.—3. JOHN S., d. ch.—4. FRANK S., b. March 11, 1851; m. Annie I. Weaver at Westfield, August 27, 1873; graduated Rochester University 1872; Professor Latin and Greek in Buffalo High School; four chn.: 1, Harry E.; 2, Ethel D., b. November 24, 1880, d. March 22, 1881; 3, Raymond B., b. June 9, 1883, and 4, Edith W., b. June 9, 1883.

9. JESSE THORNE FOSDICK, b. April 28, 1819, at Rensselaerville, learned trade of carpenter and joiner and millwright; taught architecture 1848-9; in Car Department of Erie Railway, at Hornellsville, in 1851-2-3; entered employ of Atlantic and Great Western Company, in 1859; appointed Foreman of Salamanca Car Shops in 1863; Supervisor of Salamanca in 1866; Democratic candidate for Assembly, 1868; removed to Randolph, in charge of Railway Shop, 1869; returned to take charge of Salamanca Car Shop, 1871; Trustee Village Randolph, 1871; General Foreman of Atlantic and Great Western Dispatch; contributor to local papers; W. M. of Masonic Lodge, three years; Warden St. Mary's Protestant Episcopal Church; m. Susan B. Jones of Essex, Vermont, January 2, 1841; s. b. Burlington, Vermont, in 1822; at the age of thirteen she moved with her parents to Randolph, where she lived when she married; s. d. May 27, 1891, stricken with paralysis, d. in three hours; obituary notice in local paper states: "Mrs. Fosdick lived a noble, Christian life, being a communicant of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. She was ever ready to sympathise with and help those in trouble, and very charitable toward the needy." He lives Salamanca; five chn.—1, ALICE A., b. March 24, 1842, d. December 8, 1844, Ohio—2,

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AGNES, b. March 24, 1842, d. Decem er 14, 1844, Ohio —3, EMILY S., b. December 15, 1845, m. James A. Williams, Salamanca, two chn.: 1, Jessie Fosdick, b. September 10, 1867, m. Willis Graves Mead, September 12, 1888, Cortland, New York; (one ch.; 1, Jessie G., b. September 12, 1889); and 2, Frankie C., b. March 2, 1870—4, JESSIE KATE, b. September 4, 1849, m. Charles Chamberlain, of Dayton, Ohio, December 17, 1867, h. d. Dayton, December 26, 1888, s. lives Dayton, three chn.: 1, William Fosdick, b. February 20, 1870, student at Dennison University, Ohio; 2, Anna Thorne, b. September 14, 1878, d. January 7, 1879; and 3, Susan E. Fosdick—5, ELIZABETH MORRIS, b. October 5, 1862; graduate of St. Elizabeth's Seminary, at Alleghany, with salutatory address, 1882; lives with her father at Salamanca.

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Generation.	Name.	Year of Death.	Age.
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V.,	Samuel Fosdick Third,	1792,	82
VI.,	Silas Fosdick,	1845,	92
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"	Anna Fosdick Valentine,	1827,	63
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"	Solomon Fosdick,	1838,	62

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The record is closed with the gratifying reflection that, while no remarkable persons or events appear in its pages, the lineage it discloses is one of integrity and honor in all its branches, and uniformly in accord with its honorable, though unpretentious, ancestry.

The compiler expresses his sincere thanks to those who have contributed information.

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Page 51, line 8, supply date of marriage, "August 27, 1753," inadvertently omitted.

Page 69, "Add Portraits of these three grandsons have been kindly furnished at the request of the compiler, and an engraving of each will be found at its appropriate place in the text, namely; of Morris Fosdick, opposite page 114; of John S. Fosdick, opposite page 128; and of Jesse T. Fosdick, opposite page 130."

Page 77, last line, and page 78, line 8, for "THEDORUS," read "THEODORUS."

Page 79, line 12, for "James," read "JAMES."

Page 83, line 24, for "Lucy," read "1, Lucy."

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John Fosdick, 1626-1716 m. Anna Shapley -1679
Samuel Fosdick, 1655-1700 m. Mercy Picket 1660-1682
Anna Fosdick, 1691-1741 m. Thomas Latham 1691-
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